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Old Mechanical Banks

Boy on Trapeze Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A great favorite of the writer's, and one of the nicest of all the mechanical banks, is our choice as No. 126 in the numerical classification. This is the Boy On Trapeze Bank, a very attractive well made item with clever action based on the size and weight of the coin used in its operation. A coin is thus necessary in operating the bank and causes the animated action. This, as has been pointed out in past articles on some of the other mechanical banks, is a very desirable feature. In addition, the bank is well proportioned and has a certain graceful appearance about it.

In spite of the fact that there is evidence the Boy On Trapeze had a patent pending during its period of

manufacture, the writer has to date been unsuccessful in his search for any patent papers that would apply to the bank. Fortunately, however, an original advertising flyer of the period is most helpful in establishing factual background information about the bank. This advertising card, like some others used to publicize mechanical banks during their era, is printed on both sides. On one side there are two pictures of the bank in colors. One shows it in position before operation and the other during the action. The pictures accurately depict the bank and are bright and colorful. Printed between the pictures is the following:



Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Children's Choice
French's Automatic Toy Bank
For one penny dropped in the head the boy revolves once.
For a nickel twice.
For a quarter dollar three times.
For a half dollar six times.
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It's interesting to note that this original advertising item on the Boy On Trapeze actually contradicts itself. The front states he revolves six

BANKS WANTED

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times for a half dollar, and the bank says four times for the same coin. In any event, this is a minor but interesting mistake. The importance of the card lies in knowing the manufacturer, one of the sales agents, and the original name of the bank. The original name, by the way, would indicate that a person by the name of French designed and possibly patented the bank. The name French's Automatic Toy Bank also brings up another salient point. This is the necessity in some cases where the name is not inscribed on the bank itself, such as the one under discussion, for renaming the bank with a more descriptive title. The Boy On Trapeze readily identifies the bank for what it represents, while its original name would give no clue as to its appearance.

The bank shown is in fine condition with good paint and the colors are as follows: The boy has a red shirt with a blue ruffled collar, his socks are also red, as is his peaked hat which is tipped in black. His hands and face are a flesh color. His hair and the ball suspended from his right foot are the same color, a brown maroon shade. Blue trousers or knee breeches and black shoes complete the coloring on the boy. The entire base has a dark brown japanned type finish thereon. The base of the bank bears special mention since it is one of the finest and most attractive of all the mechanical banks. It consists of decorative, somewhat intricate scrollwork on the four sloping sides, as well as the top and bottom sections. A mask is cast at the front and back of the large slot that receives the coins. Two screws would appear to hold the bank together, one screw is genuine and the other is a representation of a screwhead made in the casting. The bottom plate of the base is actually a large coin trap. This is hinged and held in place by one screw. When this screw is turned, the entire plate swings open. The upright side supports that suspend the boy are also cast in a decorative fashion.


The operation of the bank has already been explained in quoting from the original advertising flyer. The solid ball on the right foot acts as a counterweight balance, of course, and the number of revolutions is controlled by the various weights of the different coins used. Needless to say, dimes were not considered by the designer or manufacturer of this mechanical bank as a 10c piece would interrupt the continuity.

In closing it bears mention that the Boy On Trapeze shares similarities with a very rare bank, the Clown On Bar (HOBBIES, April, 1956). Naturally there is no comparison in value between the two banks since the Clown On Bar is a rare, very desirable bank. However, this does not preclude the fact that the operation of the Boy On Trapeze is considerably more interesting and is the more decorative of the two.



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In America

By CHARLES FRENCH

One of the most important and exciting times in the history of the world started with the discovery of the Western Hemisphere by Christopher Columbus. The vast expanses of North, Central, and South America lay awaiting conquest, colonization, and development.

It was not long before Cortez conquered the Aztecs in Mexico, and Pizarro the Incas in South America. Thus the way was paved for Spanish colonization, and exploitation.

Gold was in great demand in Spain, due to her involvement in many European wars. The expulsion of the Moors from Spain, the Spanish Armada under Philip II, the Thirty Year War under Philip IV which Spain was required to support, the 12 years War of Spanish Succession under Philip V, the seven years war under Charles III, and the loss of Spain's power to Napoleon under Ferdinand VII were a heavy drain on Spain's treasury.

Convoys of treasure ships from the Western Hemisphere that sailed for Spain became the targets of privateers, authorized by nations opposing Spain's world-empire aspirations. History teaches us of the many sea-battles that were fought between the Spanish fleets and privateers.

The loot was so enticing, a horde of pirates joined in and not only attacked the Spanish ships, but everything else that appeared to have a cargo of value. Warring nations, as long as the pirates left the ships

under their flags alone, closed their eyes to these illegal operations.

With the lack of adequate policing on the high seas, and the lax attitude of the warring governments, piracy was almost impossible to curb. This lost Spain much of her American treasure, either through theft or sinkings.

In the New World, the iron hand of Spain's representatives plus their greed, and lack of consideration for the natives caused great unrest. It seemed to be Spain's desire to milk the Western Hemisphere, rather than to colonize, develop, and educate.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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—B. W., Alabama

Answer:

The British penny is worth about 50 cents. There is no authentic 10 Pfennig piece dated 1994. This must be an altered date. It has no value.

—C. F., N. Y.



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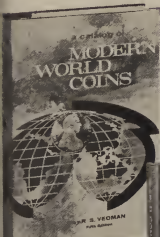
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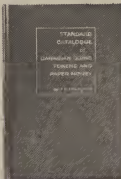
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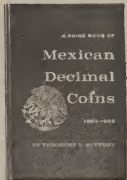


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—D. S., Maryland

Answer:

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—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

Is there any value on paper "Fractional Currency?" I have several pieces, one 3-cent, and 10-cent (series 1874), one 25-cent, and two 50-cent. At the bottom it states "Receivable For All U.S. Stamps."

George Washington's portrait is on the 3-cent and one 10-cent piece or paper. This is the first time I have ever seen paper, fractional currency.

—J. R. P., Texas

Answer:

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—C. F., N. Y.

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—Mrs. A. T., Idaho

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—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

Please give values of the following: 3 mis-minted coins.

1. Lincoln cent, 1929, age-darkened, edge missing.

2. Lincoln cent, 1957 Very bold and well-cut; figure 1 barely discernible, following. Bright and not defaced.

3. Lincoln 1961D, top and bottom edge missing, bright, well-marked.

—Mrs. E. M., Pennsylvania

Answer:

I do not believe the cent errors you have are important enough to have any particular value.

—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

I have five identical gold pieces, all very thin. I'm enclosing a tracing of one. On one side is an Indian Head, 14 stars and the date, 1849. On the back are the words "California Gold." Within a ring of leaves and two stems is a sunrise between two mountains. Below that is what appears to be a bear, also the date, 1849. Any help you can give me in identifying these pieces would be appreciated. Are they of any value?

—W. W. D., Ohio

Answer:

The coin is an imitation of a California gold piece known as a "charm." These are of little or no value.

—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

I have an 1887 Indian Head penny in very good condition. Can you tell me how to go about selling it to a coin collector, and what is a fair price? Or can you tell me the name and address of persons or a company that will?

—Mrs. J. A., Iowa

Answer:

An Indian Head cent in very good condition should retail for around 75 cents. As to go about selling one, you will have to find a buyer.

—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

I am enclosing rubbings of three coins which I would like to know the value of.

—T. H. C., South Carolina

Answer:

The large coin is a silver 8 Real coin of Spanish America, the date, however, is 1798 not 1498. The second is a 2 Real piece and the third a 1 Real piece all of same source. The 8 Real is worth \$2 in condition listed, 2 Real \$1, and 1 Real \$1.

—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

I have seen a Colonial note of New York State for \$10. It is on parchment paper, other than the usual cardboard used for the \$1, \$2, \$3 notes. On one side is a seal with Indians, on the other is a seal with an elephant. It was printed in 1776 by Samuel Louden. Are these \$10 notes rare? It is the first one I have seen. I would appreciate information on this note.

—M. S., Pennsylvania

Answer:

If the notes are on parchment paper I believe they are facsimiles. Therefore they would be of no particular value.

—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

Kindly tell me the value of these coins, all gold:

Hexagon, Liberty Head G 1871, Back wreath, quarter-Dollar, Calif.

Round, Indian Head 1870, Back wreath, half dollar.

Round, Liberty Head L 1871, Back Half Dollar, Calif.

Round, Liberty Head, Back U.S. of America wreath, 1 dollar 1851.

Round, McKinley U.S. of America Back Louisiana Purchase Exposition, One dollar, 1803—1903, St. Louis.

—E. T. E., New York

Answer:

The coins you have are California fractional gold coins and these currently retail at around \$10 to \$20 each, depending upon condition.

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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Clown on Globe Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A circus type mechanical bank with very lively action is our choice as No. 127 in the numerical classification. This is the Clown On Globe Bank and rather usual, than unusual is the fact that its original name, Funny Clown Bank, was changed to one which is more completely indicative of the bank itself. This is not exceptional as a number of the original names of mechanical banks have been changed to one that is more descriptive. Understand this is in respect to mechanicals such as the Clown On Globe which have no name inscribed on the banks themselves. Being a member of the circus group is a very desirable feature, and this plus other factors of the Clown On Globe, such as its outstanding action and very attractive appearance, make it a must item to have in a collection of the animated toy savings devices.

At this point it may be well to mention that if the writer seems to be enthused about the bank under discussion, he is. As a matter of fact, for some months past and some months to come we are in a period, so far as these articles are concerned, where some of the finest of all the mechanical banks have been and will be covered. Their popularity during their respective periods of manufacture bear this out. And the fact that today they are more available than many of the rare banks is beside the point. We must not lose perspective and appreciation for each bank for what it is and what it represents. This so often happens to collectors as they become more advanced, not only to those who collect mechanical banks, but to collectors of other items as well.

The Clown On Globe is covered by the patent papers of an outstanding mechanical bank, The Girl Skipping Rope (HOBBIES, April 1952). At first thought this would not seem feasible as there is no resemblance between the two banks whatsoever. However, the patent coverage has to do with the operating mechanism, and here the two banks share similarities. A spinning weighted wheel mounted horizontally inside causes the continuing action of the Girl Skipping Rope, whereas the spinning globe mounted vertically causes the sustained action of the Clown On Globe. So in each case the operation of the mechanism is similar, based on the same principle, and covered by the same patent. The patent was issued to James H. Bowen of Philadelphia, Pa., May 20, 1890, under No. 428,450. This patent number is cast on the base plate of the Clown On Globe. It, like the Girl Skipping Rope, was made by the J. & E. Ste-



vens Company of Cromwell, Conn. Original Stevens catalogs of the period show both banks and designate the Clown On Globe by its original name, Funny Clown Bank. Incidentally, the Girl Skipping Rope was originally called The Jumping Rope Bank in the same catalog.

The bank pictured is from the Perelman Antique Toy Museum and was obtained by Leon Perelman in his area a few years ago through the services of an antique dealer. It is in original condition and with what may be described as good paint. That is to say there is some degree of wear showing on the painted surfaces. This is usual in the case of this bank due to the fact the figure was handled often in each winding of the bank for action, particularly around the face. It is difficult to find a specimen with the original paint in fine condition. Colors are as follows: The Clown has a white face with red mouth and other markings in red. His eyes are well defined with a lighter white, blue iris, black pupils and black lining of the eyebrows and lashes. His peaked hat is grey with red edging. He has a bright red jacket with a yellow accordion-pleated collar. The buttons on his jacket are gold. He has white hands and the ornamental part between them is maroon with gold out-

lining. Olive color shoes, white ribbed stockings with a red band at the top, and maroon knickers or knee britches complete his outfit. The globe is blue with a wide band in gold around it. The base is in two shades of tan, the top part being lighter. Scrollwork and bead type decoration on the base is in brown. The operating lever is gold. From the description of the various colors used one can readily judge that this is a very colorful bank and took considerable time to decorate. It is, as a matter of fact, one of the most colorful of all the mechanical banks.

To operate the bank please first note the picture and in particular the operating lever and coin slot. These two parts are respectively on the right and left hand side of the top of the base as shown. The lever is pushed upward and snaps into position. This causes a part to partially cover the coin slot from the inside. The clown is then revolved or turned with the globe clockwise. The lever acts as a ratchet as well and clicks into place as the clown is revolved. He can be turned approximately one revolution. A coin is then placed in the provided slot where it rests in position. Pushing the lever down causes the clown to spin rapidly counter-clockwise and the coin is deposited automatically. After this action the bank is reset as described for a somewhat different performance. When set this time, a lever in back of the globe is pressed causing the clown to spring legs up and head down so that he stands on his head. He then, in this position, will spin around with the globe when the operating lever is pressed.

In closing it bears mention that the Clown On Globe is a bank that could be said to have almost haunted the writer for some years. In the earlier period of collecting mechanical banks many individuals took the Clown On Globe to be the Circus Bank (HOBBIES, October, 1952). Thus over the years numerous letters offered the writer a Circus Bank and in all cases it would turn out to be the Clown On Globe.

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THREE MEMORABLE DAYS

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with me . . . but they won't see my bright and shining face until about 6:00 o'clock Tuesday morning."

Mr. and Mrs. Ossman returned the photographs I had lent them and let me take three of theirs home for copying - one of Vess himself as a small boy; one of his mother, an actress named Ruth Harrington, taken when she was a member of "The Red Rose Company," and one of his father, Vess L. Ossman, Jr., who looks in that youthful picture, to have been a dead ringer for my friend, Bob Haumesser, news director of Roanoke television station WSLF.

There were a few more remarks centering on hopes for future meetings, and then Don and I got up to go, reluctantly, as we had at Chevy Chase. After I shook hands with Vess, Sue and I started to exchange handclasp but thought better of it and kissed. Don and I then drove back, in the now declining afternoon, to the section of Bowie in which he lives. It is known as Leavitt Town. Don, however, admits it wasn't named for him.

Stuart was still a sick boy, but Nadine provided us with a bountiful and delicious supper, after which we played some records of varying degrees of antiquity which they had picked up in Washington area stores. I especially liked the Berceuse from "Jocelyn" sung by Edmond Clement. At a reasonable hour I went to bed, looking forward to the morrow's meeting with the Library of Congress officials, the Emlin Williams recital and, finally, to the soon-to-be reunion with my furry family at home. I tried once more to send them reassuring messages before I dropped off to sleep.

(To be continued)

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FALSE RUMORS ABOUT MONEY

By CHARLES FRENCH

An article recently said, "JFK coin unique," Washington. The John F. Kennedy coin is the first United States half dollar to bear a President's likeness.

I wonder who was responsible for this glorious piece of misinformation? Prior to the Kennedy half dollar, Congress authorized the coining of four other halves that had the heads of one or more Presidents of the United States upon them.

In 1918 the Illinois Centennial half dollar was issued with the head of President Lincoln facing right upon its obverse.

The birth of President U. S. Grant was commemorated in 1922 with the Grant Memorial half dollar, upon which his head appears facing right.

The 1923 Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollar has the conjoined heads of Presidents James Monroe and John Quincy Adams, facing left.

The 1926 Sesquicentennial of American Independence half dollar shows the conjoined heads of Presidents Washington and Calvin Coolidge facing right. It might also be added that this last is the only coin ever struck with the head of a living President upon it.

Regarding the Kennedy half dollar, a special Act of Congress had to be passed to strike this "memorial" coin, for laws previous to this issue stated that designs of our coinage could not be changed more frequently than every 25 years. As the Franklin half was first coined in 1948, this design was only used for 14 years.

The Kennedy half dollar is a very attractive coin, one of the nicest we have issued in America in a long time. I wonder if it should not be considered a commemorative, for it was

issued in memory of his assassination by a special Act of Congress.

Sometimes newspaper articles upon Numismatic subjects are misleading, and even in gross error due to limited time and the writer being unfamiliar with this highly specialized field.

A false rumor is circulating that \$1 bills without the motto "In God We Trust," are rare.

Another misconception is that the war-time steel cents are being recalled and all are rare. It is true that these demand a small premium over face value, but very little, unless they be in bright, uncirculated condition.

Another tale is that the war-time silver nickels are rare. These, in circulated condition, are now valued at 7 cents each. You pay the shipping cost to get the 7 cents.

In the past, many false rumors were circulated. Remember the one about the Jefferson nickels with a flag-pole on Monticello? We used to have dozens of calls from people saying they had a nickel without the flag-pole! No nickels have a flag-pole.

Then we had the one about the Buffalo nickel without a date being rare because it was made in a European country! It would then be a counterfeit.

One of the commonest of early Lincoln cents is the first year, 1909, with VDB upon the reverse. Rumor had it that due to the removal of Victor D. Brenner's initials, the cents with VDB would be rare. Thousands were kept. This explains why so many are found today in excellent condition.

In 1893 when the first Liberty nickels appeared the word "cents" was not upon them. Many were gold plated and passed as \$5 gold pieces. Later in the year the word "cents" was added. Rumor said the earlier nickels without the word would be rare. Quantities were saved and again we find many in excellent condition today.

Remember the rumor a few years back about the 1943 copper cents? Written articles quoted astronomical figures of reputed sales ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 dollars.

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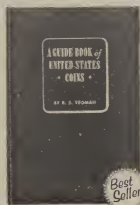
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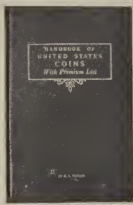
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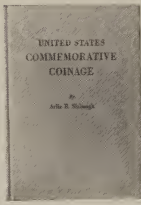
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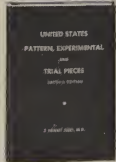
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—J.E.M., North Carolina

Answer:

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—C.F., New York

Question:

I have a 1959 Jefferson 5-cent piece, which I think is very irregular as it has no fine small rim on the edge of front and back of head. Looks as though the die may have slipped a very trifle to the right. Would it have any value now or later?

—F.E.H., Iowa

Answer:

I do not believe the slight error in your nickel would demand much if any premium at the present time. What will happen in the future is anyone's guess.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I have a rather unusual \$20 bill. It's a 1929 Series having 4 signatures from the front instead of two. It is "National Currency" and is reddish-gold on the front side. The "Will Pay to the Bearer on Demand 20 Dollars," is on the left side rather than at the bottom. Do you know the worth of this bill?

—R.R., Minnesota

Answer:

The \$20 bill you have is not unusual and is worth face value only.

—C.F., New York

Question:

Please tell me value of these three coins:

1. Obverse; inscription reads "Wilhelm II Deutscher Kaiser König Preussen." Bust faces right. Small A under bust. Reverse eagle faces left. Inscription reads "Deutsches Reich 1904 Zwei Mark." Coin is in good condition. Coin is silver.

2. Obverse, bust faces left. Inscription reads, "Napoleon III Empereur 1854." Reverse: eagle with small k underneath. Inscription Empire Français Dix Centimes." Coin is copper.

3. This coin is about the size of an American silver dollar and is made from silver. The obverse has an eagle with a serpent in its mouth standing on a cactus plant. The inscription reads, "Repubblica Mexicana." Reverse, has a hat with "Libertad" barely readable with rays emanating from the hat. The inscription looks like this: 8 r.p. 1835 J.S. 10 D. 20 G. The mark over the p is either an i or t.

—S.S., New Jersey

Answer:

Your first coin is a German 2-mark of William II of Prussia. This currently retails for 75 cents.

The second coin is copper and a 10-centime of Napoleon III of France. It is quite common retailing for 10 cents.

The third coin is a Mexican 8-real, struck at their Potosi Mint. This retails for \$2.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbings of a sampling of coins from a box which came into my possession after the death of my mother. Although my husband and I are American Coin collectors, we know nothing of foreign coins and would appreciate information and value (if any) of the sampling.

—Mrs. E.G.J., New York

Answer:

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—C.F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is a "poor" rubbing of a coin I would like identified. It is very large, the metal looks like badly worn pewter.

On the obverse is a bust of a man. It might be Columbus. And under it the only part of the date that is legible is 180. The writing that appears on it says, Carolus III. Def. Gratia.

On the reverse is the popular crown and shield and 2 pillars, the following words, Rex. M. 8 R. T. H. preceded by the words, Hispan. et Ind.

I would like to know the name of the man on it, type of metal, its origin, date, and value.

—S.T.T., New Hampshire

Answer:

The coin you have is a silver 8-real coin of Charles IV, King of Spain. This coin was struck at their Mexico City mint. Its value is \$2.50.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I have a 1960 nickel. The '0' in 60 is touching the rim. Does this coin have any value as a collector's item?

—J. S., California

Answer:

I would not say that it was a collectors' item, just a minor variety.

—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

I have some little friends who have found a silver dollar in an Indian Mound. Their enclosed tracing is not too clear, but possibly you can identify and tell them the value. The date is 1812 on back, "Empire Français 1812." Front, Empereur Napoleon.

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year we greet our old friends and add new ones to our list. They come from all parts of our big country and very seldom go away empty handed. For instance, among our "first" visitors this fall were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Randalls of Denton, Tex. They were in search of miniature bronzes. They didn't seek in vain.

Soon after, our old time friend, Miss Geraldine Chadwick of Detroit, Mich., arrived to spend the better part of the show making sorties from our booth to spots of interest among the many aisles. Mrs. J. E. Rembusch of Joliet left an order for us to send her portraits of Lincoln and Washington mounted on heads of pins. Next to come along were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Deem of Denver, Colo., and Marian Joast of Deerfield, Ill. Of course, our good friend, Edward Solter was one of our earlier visitors. He always manages to add some new items to his constantly growing collection and display of miniature rooms.

From Minneapolis came Mrs. Ralph Leighton to spend several days at the show and to get away from Minnesota's cold weather. She is a most enthusiastic collector of miniatures. We always have good attendance from the Chicago All Hobbies club whose members collect many kinds of things, such as cats by Clara Bonander, elephants by Mrs. George Bartels, post cards by several members, also salt and peppers by a number and so many other things, too many to mention, in fact.

As usual we had a number of new items that made our exhibit outstanding. Such as miniature dressers and tables with real marble tops. Real copper wash boilers, ice cream freezers, tiny eye glasses, various styles, tools of many kinds, new musical instruments such as alto horns, hunting, and coach horns, set of TV tables, a complete backyard gym set, Seth Thomas clocks and many other items! We also featured the entire Petite Princess furniture set. So I guess we have bragged enough for now. Have to save some for the Spring Show. Better plan to be there. We'll be seeing you!

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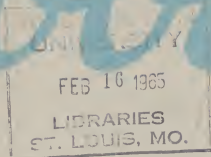
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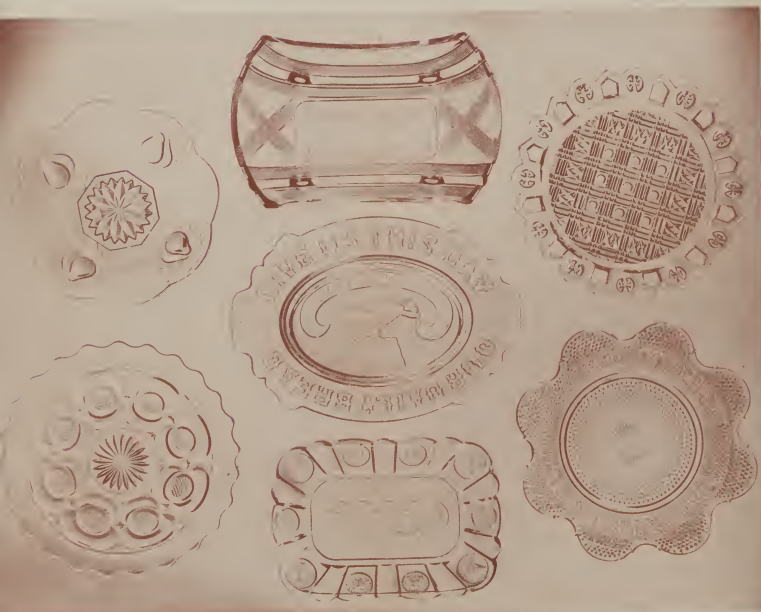
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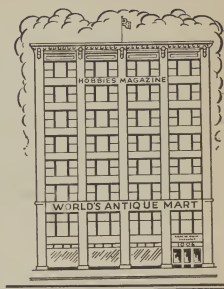
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CHIEF BIG MOON

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A number of mechanical banks are somewhat obvious as to their action, that is to say when looking at the bank it is rather obvious as to what will take place in the mechanical operation of the parts in connection with the depositing of a coin or operating the lever. Transversely, there are a certain number of mechanicals which one could refer to as a "surprise" group. These are very interesting and entertaining banks as their action parts are often concealed and nothing is apparent as to what the bank does. Banks of this nature have a very definite appeal and are of particular interest to the writer. One of the best of the surprise type banks is Chief Big Moon, our choice as No. 123 in the numerical classification.

Chief Big Moon is an outstanding example of the clever ingenious design work of Charles A. Bailey. How he ever thought up or dreamed some of his designs for mechanical banks we will probably never know, but he certainly had a real knack for utilizing unusual and clever subject matters including political, satire, and so on. Bailey patented the bank August 8, 1899 and assigned the patent to the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn., the manufacturers. The bank as produced by Stevens follows the patent drawings in practically every detail. A rare handwritten letter by Bailey covers the transfer of right and title of Chief Big Moon to the Stevens Company. For details of this letter please refer to the special article on Charles Bailey in *HOBBIES* for February, 1963.

The bank pictured is completely original and the paint is in practically mint condition. Colors are as follows: the sides of the base are a brown gold with a wide silver rim around the bottom, the decorations on each side which include a papoose, tomahawks, peace pipe, Indian Chief bust, the name "Chief Big Moon," and other things are in silver. The top part of the base representing woodland is in green highlighted with bronze and gold, and a couple of blue and white flowers. The rippling blue lake has two white ducks thereon and water lilies are white with green leaves. The large frog normally concealed under the lake is dark green with large yellow eyes and black pupils. His underside is yellow and his mouth red. The figure of the squaw is reddish brown, she has long black hair, and her clothing is yellow. The fish in process of being cooked over the campfire is silver, and the brown tepee has considerable design and figure work inscribed thereon.

To better illustrate the surprise feature of Chief Big Moon, it is shown in two photographs—Figure 1, before operation, and Figure 2, after. As shown in Figure 1 a coin is placed in the provided slot just to the front of the fish's tail. Near the coin and somewhat hidden, a lever (not discernible in either photo) is then lightly touched, immediately the large frog springs from under the lake toward the fish. However, the Squaw lifts the fish up away from the frog, as shown in Figure 2. The coin meantime has been automatically deposited inside the bank, its position replaced by the figure of the frog. All parts are returned to their positions as in Figure 1 by lifting the lake (which tilts back) and pushing the frog on back and under the lake top. The weight of the lake top, which acts as a trap door, holds the spring balanced me-



Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

chanism of the frog in place. As mentioned before, this is a very clever well designed bank—one of the best.

In closing, two points of interest are in order. For one, the patent papers explain Bailey's original intent in the way the bank should be operated with a coin. Actually the coin should be pushed into the slot and the frog in moving into position above the coin slot will then strike the hand of the operator affording additional surprise or amusement. This was intended to be an inducement to use coins to operate the bank. The lever as we use it today was originally provided for the sole purpose of operating the bank as a mechanical toy when no coins were available. In other words, Bailey's provision for the lever was only so the bank could be operated without a coin—not to operate the bank when using a coin. Secondly, the bank was originally called the Indian Camp Bank in old Stevens catalogs and advertised as such. The name Chief Big Moon actually refers to the Indian bust itself which appears on each side of the bank. For years now, however, since this name is on the bank, it has been known as such.

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BASE METAL FOR OUR COINS?

By CHARLES FRENCH

It would not surprise me if we soon find our silver coins will have to be replaced with coins made of some other less valuable metal.

The price of silver has risen so high, and its supply is so short, there will soon be insufficient to take care of the present great demand for coins.

Should it rise in price any higher, the silver content of our coins will be worth more than the coins' face value. This would cause the disappearance of silver coins from circulation, aggravating the already short supply.

It is therefore feasible that we resort to the use, no matter how in-

flationary, of other metal. Some have suggested that our coins be made of stainless steel. An alloy of nickel could be used.

British coins for many years have been made of a base metal. They are difficult to discern from Britain's earlier silver coins.

The shortage of silver has caused the issuing of "Federal Reserve" one dollar bills instead of the earlier Silver Certificates. This released the silver, held as backing for the notes, for use in striking coins. It is, however, only a temporary relief.

With Federal Reserve "Promises to Pay," and coins of base metal, we will have taken another step towards more inflation, which unfortunately is unavoidable.

A bill has recently been passed to issue new silver dollars. They have not been coined yet, but this denomination, in the face of the silver shortage, is unnecessary for it is the least used coin in circulation.

The shortage of coins, attested to by many bankers, indicate the crying need for the government to open a new modern mint that can turn out sufficient coins to meet the demand.

Vending machines, slot machines, thruway toll booths, and sales tax charges all increase the need of more and more coins for circulation. Our population explosion increases the demand.

Collectors have been accused of causing the shortage by coin hoarding. It is true they may have contributed to it in a small degree, but it must be remembered that the majority of coins collectors are interested in are nickels and cents, and very few of the higher denomination coins are hoarded.

Halves, quarters, and dimes are the denominations which are needed.

I am very sorry to hear that the Mint is not going to strike proof sets in 1965. This series of coins has been growing in leaps and bounds since it was resumed in 1950, and collectors awaiting the new issues each year look forward to their arrival.

To cut this off is really a shame, all due to the shortage of coins for circulation. I also understand that the Mint used to make a handsome profit of around a million dollars per year on the sale of these proof sets. It is too bad this has to be lost to the government.

Once collectors have gotten a de-

sire for a certain series of coins it is difficult for them to stop. Without question their eyes will turn to proof sets of foreign make, particularly Canadian, and we likely will see a great increase in orders for these this year. So with our government losing its handsome profit on proof sets, foreign nations will benefit.

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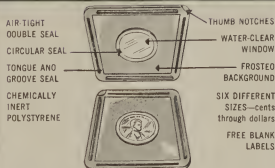
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—R. L. W., Pennsylvania

Answer:

You own a silver sixpence of George III of England in very fine condition. It currently retails for around \$1.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please inform me what kind of a coin this is and if there is any value involved. See first pencil rubbing.

What is the second? Can this coin be restored and if so, what is your advice? Thank you.

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Answer:

The first coin is an English farthing of George III currently retailing at \$1.

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Question:

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—J. E. D., New York

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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I listed them as 1, 2, and 3.

—Mrs. S. T. T., New Hampshire

Answer:

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Question:

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Answer:

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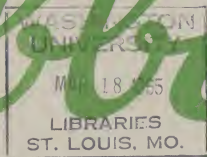
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Paddy and the Pig Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A most unique situation whereby four different mechanical banks all share the same patent papers confronts us as we reach No. 129 in the numerical classification. This bank is Paddy And The Pig, and it is the fourth one so far to be covered by Patent No. 262,361. Another, The Elephant And Three Clowns on Tub, appeared in the October, 1963, issue of HOBBIES. Previous to this was the article on the Reclining Chinaman, HOBBIES, December, 1959. The one remaining is the Frog Bank which will be taken care of in its proper order. All four of these mechanical banks under the same patent share similarities while still being completely different appearance-wise. One similarity is that each bear the following patent information on the base plate: "Eng. Pat. July 28, 1882—U.S. Pat. Aug. 8, 1882." All, of course, have somewhat similar me-

chanical action and mechanism which are covered by the single patent, however, the one under present discussion is by far the most mechanical of all of them with its greater number of moving parts. As a matter of fact, Paddy And The Pig is one of the great mechanical banks with unusually clever fine action. It is a realistic type bank with excellent timing as it is an unusual occasion when the coin does not enter the bank properly during the action.

James H. Bowen of Philadelphia, Pa., was the inventor and designer of Paddy And The Pig. It was manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. They pictured it for sale in a number of their catalogs and at the time the name "Shamrock Bank" was used. This name, of course, gave no clue as to its appearance, action, or anything else. In later years, since this name

was not imprinted on the bank itself, the present name came into usage to better identify it for what it represents.

The Paddy And Pig shown is in exceptionally fine original condition with excellent original paint. Colors are as follows: The base upon which the large figure of Paddy is seated legs extended, is a grass-like effect in green with some yellow highlighting. Beside the figure under the right knee there is a tan knapsack with a brown stick through the knotted top. A brown jug protrudes from his left rear pocket. Paddy is wearing a dark green jacket with a black collar and cuffed sleeve buttons in gold. His tie is brown and yellow and the handkerchief in his breast pocket is tan with red dots. His breeches are yellow with black buttons, and he has bright red ribbed knee socks. Shoes are black with large buckles in gold. His hat is gray with a black band. Seemingly held in place under the hat band are two items—a large green shamrock on the front and a white clay pipe on the right side. He has black hair with bushy extended sideburns. His eyelashes and eyebrows are also black. His eyes are white with brown iris and black pupils. He has white teeth and pink lips and tongue. His large face and hands are a flesh color pink. The figure of the pig is all white with black spots. His mouth and under-ears are pink, and he has tan hoofs. The top of his snout is gold and the rope binding his right front leg is tan. As can readily be judged from the description of all these parts and their colors, Paddy And The Pig is a very bright, attractive, colorful bank. This bank normally has a very definite appeal the moment anyone sees it.

To operate the bank, a coin is placed, as shown in the picture, on top of the pig's snout. A lever, located in the back end of the bank, is then firmly depressed. In so doing the left front leg of the pig kicks toward his snout and hits the coin knocking it back toward Paddy. Simultaneously with this action, Paddy rolls his eyes upward, opens his mouth and sticks out his tongue. The coin shoots on to his tongue and slides thereon into his mouth and on down inside the bank. Upon releasing the lever all parts return automatically to the positions as shown in the picture.

It bears mention that Paddy's lower jaw is hinged in such fashion that his mouth opens realistically and his tongue really protrudes when he sticks it out. Paddy And The Pig is a fine action bank, well designed, and the coin seldom misses its target.

In closing, a rumor from some years ago that still persists here and there today about Paddy And The Pig should be set straight for the records. This has to do with the period in which the bank was made.

Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Supposedly some Irish Society felt that the bank was somewhat insulting to the Irish race and requested that production be stopped. There is no foundation for this story to the best of the writer's knowledge. The bank was made for a period of years and had popular appeal. It is a very attractive, clever savings device and it would take some stretch of the imagination to find it in poor taste or any way derogatory toward the Irish. Most likely the story was started in order to place it in a rarer category than it actually is, that is to say if production had been stopped there would have been less of them made and consequently considerably harder to find an example today. For the record it is difficult enough to find one today as it is, particularly so in the condition of the one pictured.

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matra; on a silver box, worked in Javanese style, and on the cover of an early wooden herb-box from Cheribon.

The *T-meander* is found in European art. It is noteworthy that it was used by Albrecht Dürer (1471-1528), the illustrious, influential, German painter and engraver.

The swastika is an important diaper design in Indonesia as well as in China. It was important also in the Bronze Period of Western Europe. It represents the rotation of the celestial bodies. More specifically it was a symbol of the Sun until it generally came an emblem of Good Luck.

In Indonesian decorative design, the swastika usually occurs as part of a space-filling device.

In the bronze culture of Indonesia, the swastika shows up less frequently than the *meander* borders. Perhaps the swastika style of design was taken to the Archipelago from China during a later period.

The geometrical design is strongly emphasized in the Middle Celebes. Elaborate wood-carvings decorate the houses. Painsstaking patterns include the *meander*, the *S-shaped spiral*, and the *swastika*.

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These are legends and accepted as such. But what of the actual discoveries that are being made today?

Modern scientific ways of finding metal have brought back many hoards that formerly were considered impossible to recover. Treasure hunters now use metal finders simi-

lar to mine detectors, and scour beaches with them until metal objects are located.

True, many valueless articles are found, such as old nails, tin cans, and discarded metal junk. But every so often the searcher is rewarded with something of value.

One does not go to any beach and find a treasure with a metal detector. A great deal of research must be done first.

Historical records must be studied, maps acquired, locations analyzed. When the approximate location of a wreck has been found, the metal detectors are used.

A great many wrecks are under the sea. After the lapse of years, very little is left of the ship. Today, these wrecks can sometimes be located from an airplane.

In Florida, recently, all that remained of a lost ship was the stone ballast which could be seen from above. This was a sufficient clue to send down divers with modern scuba outfits to search out, with hydraulic hoses, treasure that had settled through the sand to bed-rock.

Operations like these are expensive, with no guarantees of success. Salvage under the sea can be a long, tedious job. One must wait for calm seas and clear water to see what is being done. Sometimes months pass with no opportunity to work at all.

Much of the work has to be done secretly for even today there is the danger of piracy where treasure is at stake.

One of the most outstanding finds in recent years was made by Mr. Kirp Wagner and his associates, graphically detailed in his reports in the National Geographic Magazine, and the Saturday Evening Post.

It is evident that the waters around Florida and the Caribbean contain many wrecks that very likely will soon be salvaged, due to present day equipment. Current operations indicate the possible finds of several more treasures in the near future.

Research about the Mediterranean is beginning to reveal lost ships of Roman, Greek, and Phoenician origin that sank several thousand years ago. And ancient treasures of great wealth are beginning to be recovered.

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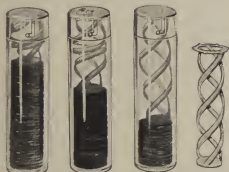


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(6) Although no photograph can be given here of the new Sixth Class of Mollusks, the Single Plates, or *Monoplacophora*, a drawing of one of these tiny shells, until a few years ago known of only as fossils, may be seen in Dr. Tucker Abbott's little paperback "Sea Shells of the World."

There it appears like a baby limpet, but different, because the soft parts are segmented.

If the six shells reported on here are kept in mind they will serve you well in keeping the complex world of shells in some sort of personal control.

Perhaps some comfort may be given us in our efforts to keep our concepts in tidy form by the words of the late poet, Anna Hempstead Branch:

"Order is a lovely thing,
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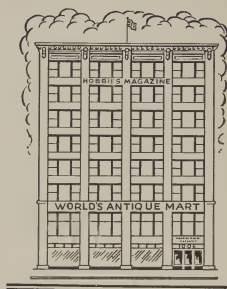
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Bad Accident Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

One of the most popular mechanical banks of the many designed by the great Charles A. Bailey is our choice as No. 130 in the numerical classification. This is the Bad Accident Bank and it is a fine action piece, well proportioned, clever subject matter, and to all appearances is simply a mechanical toy, rather than an animated toy savings device. As a matter of fact, like some of the other mechanical banks, and in particular a number designed by Bailey, there is no question that the Bad Accident, while a savings device, was also intended to be used without coins as a mechanical toy. A couple of other outstanding Bailey banks with this same feature are Shoot the Chute (HOBBIES, January, 1952) and Chief Big Moon (HOBBIES, March, 1965). For information on other mechanical banks that Charles A. Bailey designed, patented and in some cases manufactured, please refer to the special article, Bailey's Banks (HOBBIES, February, 1963).

Like many of the mechanical banks patented and designed by Bailey, the Bad Accident was manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. No patent dates or anything of this nature appear on the bank itself and no patent papers, design or otherwise, are known to exist. At least none have been found to date. However, we can ascertain the period in which it was made through the help of old Stevens cat-

alogs. The Bad Accident appears for the first time in their catalog, circa 1891, and in a number of others after that date. In this catalog there is also pictured what Stevens called the Donkey Wheel Toy. This toy, a pull type, utilized the same donkey as that of the bank, and necessarily a wheel in this case is between the front legs of the donkey. The driver, seated in a cart of the type used on the bank, moved his right arm and hand, with a whip therein, up and down as though urging the animal on. The description of the toy in the catalog states: "Each rotation of the wheels causes the driver to strike the donkey with the whip." Of interest too is the fact that the Bad Accident as pictured in this catalog has the name right side up. The name "Bad Accident" on the actual bank appears on the base alongside the donkey and in the normal sense it is upside down. In other words, to read the name properly one must turn the bank around and view it from the back. Over the years the writer has seen only one specimen of this bank with the name in a readable position when looking at it from the front.

The bank pictured is in fine original condition, and colors of various parts are as follows: The base consists of a tan road with wheel tracks thereon, and on each side of the road is green foliage with white and yellow flowers, (a Bailey trade-

mark). The name, Bad Accident, is in gold. The large cattail plant the Negro boy hides behind has green leaves and the tails are brown. The boy has blue trousers and a red shirt. The donkey is brown with black harness trimmed in some red and gold. The cart is yellow with red striping and a blue and tan top surface. The wheels are red with black markings on the spokes. The driver has black shoes, tan spats, and a tan hat with blue band. He wears red trousers, light blue jacket with dark blue collar, a white shirt, and a red and yellow tie. He holds a ripe piece of watermelon, in appropriate colors, between his hands.

The bank, to better illustrate the fine action, is shown in two photos—Figure 1 before the action, and Figure 2 after. As mentioned previously, the Bad Accident is not an obvious savings device and, as a matter of fact, unless one is familiar with it the place to put the coin is actually somewhat concealed. In any event, to operate the bank the coin is first placed under and between the shoes of the driver as in Figure 1. A two part lever beside the cattail plant is then pressed together with the thumb and index finger. Immediately the boy darts from behind the plant and turns facing the front. Simultaneously the donkey rears back on his hind legs (as though frightened by the boy) and in so doing causes the cart to tilt up and back in the



Fig. 1



Fig. 2


fashion as shown in Figure 2. In turn the coin slides from between the shoes of the driver back into a provided slot in the cart and on inside same. When the lever is released the boy automatically returns to his hidden position behind the plant. To reset the rest of the bank for action, the donkey is pressed down onto the base where the projection on the hoof of his left front leg clicks into place and is held there. Then the cart is moved on down into position as in Figure 1 where it stays in place. Coins may be removed from the cart body by means of a conventional type round Stevens trap in the underside of the cart.

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Going around and talking to many at work (when they are) one hears how slow business is. This is not surprising for there are several hundred dealers with bourses. Probably there are not that many collectors attending to buy. There is plenty of business between dealers, which is usual at all conventions.

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The "Fun" Convention had some very excellent displays. Outstanding was the one of Spanish Treasure finds off the Florida Coast.

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There were also silver coins. Some in their originally found encrusted condition, and also some after they had been restored. Jewelry and photos of divers' operations made the display the best of the Show.

The whole East Coast of Florida is alive today with the Treasure fever. There are still many sunken treasure ships that have not been found and are awaiting the lucky finder.

Regulations are becoming stiffer. The State of Florida will give out franchises of certain territories for treasure hunters. This is supposed to protect them for this area, but there are still "poachers" constantly searching regardless of who has the rights.

I understand all areas where sunken ships may be are already spoken for. Formerly the State demanded 25 percent of all treasure finds, but recently, due to some dissatisfaction at Tallahassee, the State has increased its claim to 75 percent.

This exorbitant amount can well discourage the searchers for it would hardly pay them to stand the expense of search and then have to give away three-quarters of the amount found.

All treasure discovered did not

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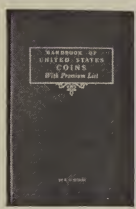
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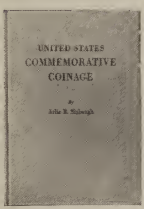
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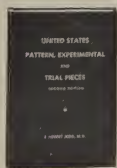
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Darktown Battery Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



The popular American game of baseball is well represented by the bank we have chosen as No. 131 in the numerical classification. This is the Darktown Battery Bank, often as not called the Baseball Bank, and it is one of the really great mechanicals. It has just about everything one could want in a mechanical bank — terrific action, clever and unique use of the coin, excellent designing, attractive appearance, and so on. The bank had wide popular appeal in its day as a toy savings device, and this has carried right down through the years to its present status as a collector's item.

The Darktown Battery was designed and then patented by James H. Bowen of Philadelphia, Pa., January 17, 1888. It was manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. The production bank is practically identical to the drawings and text of the patent papers, both in appearance and mechanism. No doubt, as was Bowen's custom, he furnished Stevens with the original model or pattern of the bank. Bowen was an outstanding designer of mechanical banks and probably Charles A. Bailey was the only one to top him in this specialized field. Practically all of Bowen's banks are among the best and most desirable.

As example, the Girl Skipping Rope (HOBBIES, April 1952), A Calamity Bank (HOBBIES, November 1958), Reclining Chinaman (HOBBIES, December 1959), Elephant & Three Clowns On Tub (HOBBIES, October 1963), Creedmoor Bank, I Always Did 'Spise A Mule, and others. Then, too, his banks tend to be unique with unusual features. The Darktown Battery, in particular, and the Elephant & Three Clowns On Tub are outstanding examples. They are the only cast iron mechanical banks having three stationary figures, with each figure having movable parts. There are other mechanicals with three figures such as the Clown, Harlequin and Columbine (HOBBIES, November 1951), Initiating Bank First Degree (HOBBIES, November 1952), and the Bowen designed A Calamity Bank, however, these all have figures that move but the figures themselves have no movable parts. Bowen's Girl Skipping Rope combines both features of a movable figure with moving parts plus sustained action of the figure and parts. Strangely enough, too, is the fact the Darktown Battery is the only mechanical bank to represent the game of baseball. To the best of the writer's knowledge, only one other patent was issued on a baseball type

bank. This was to O. A. Hensel of Pennsylvania in 1928. This bank never got beyond the patent state, however, and thus was not produced commercially.

The Darktown Battery pictured is in excellent original condition with no repairs of any kind. The majority of the examples of this bank that exist today either have some type of repair or need same. The paint on the bank shown is in mint condition and colors of the various parts are as follows: The bottom plate of the base has black edges, the front and back of the base are outlined in brown and the plume type decorations thereon are in pink. The crossed ball bats are yellow with red at the top and handle of each. The two baseballs and small round decorations between the bats are in gold. The name "Darktown Battery," which appears on the front only, is in red. The ends of the base are green. The top of the base between the players is painted brown and the sections under the players are in green with some yellow highlighting. The pitcher has a white cap with red stripes, blue top button, and a yellow visor. He has a red shirt and around his shoulders and down his back is a yellow scarf with blue polka dots. Blue knee britches, black belt, red socks, tan spats, and

brown shoes complete his outfit. The catcher is painted exactly the same as the pitcher but he wears no scarf. The batter has a white cap with blue stripes, a red top button, and yellow striped visor. He has a blue shirt with white stripes and the name "Possums" across the front of the shirt is in red. His knee britches are yellow with a black belt, blue socks with white stripes, and shoes the same as the other two players. He holds a bat painted the same as those on the sides of the base. A brown tree stump is in back of the catcher's right side. All these colors add up to an exceptionally bright attractive bank.

To operate the Baseball Bank, the pitcher's arm is first pulled back into the position as shown in the picture. In so doing his head lowers forward and down and the parts snap into place. A coin is then inserted in his right hand where it is held by means of a thumb-like clamp. A lever located by the tree stump is then pressed down. Immediately the pitcher throws the coin toward the catcher and his head snaps back into position. Simultaneously the batter raises his bat high and turns his head from right to left as though watching the coin. The catcher moves his head forward and his left hand in toward his body as though catching the coin. A lower front section of the catcher moves inward so that the coin actually goes inside his body and drops down into the base of the bank. Releasing the lever returns the various parts of the batter and catcher into the positions as shown in the picture. The coin travels so fast that one must watch closely in order to see it in flight.

The Darktown Battery is one of the finest action banks of all the mechanicals. It could be called a perfect example of what a mechanical bank should be. The coin representing a baseball and taking part in the action as it does is especially desirable. Use of a coin is completely essential to obtain the proper effect.

James H. Bowen justly deserves recognition for the fine mechanical banks he designed and patented. As a matter of fact, if he had only designed two banks, The Girl Skipping Rope and the Darktown Battery, he would be credited with two of the greatest mechanical banks ever made.

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Old collections have become so val-

uable no one should keep a collection at home without adequate protection. Insurance is imperative. Alarm systems and expensive safes are absolutely necessary, for the rise in coin value and wide-spread publicity of coin profits have brought to the attention of the underworld the possible profits through theft.

These thieves are not amateurs. They know what they are about. Their robberies are fast, shrewd, and efficient.

Jobs are carefully "cased." The collector is watched so that the thieves are acquainted with his every move.

Dealers are not exempt from these shrewd operators. One of the worst things to think is "it cannot happen to me!" It is happening every day.

Now to add to this flood of robberies we find hold ups. A safe, and an alarm system are of little use if there is a gun pointed at you, or your wife.

The big mystery is what is becoming of all the coins that have been stolen? Occasionally thieves have been apprehended, but the majority of robberies are still unsolved.

Where did the coins go? Who are the "fences?" That is the problem. I know of stolen unique pieces, easily identifiable, and worth a small fortune, that have never shown up again.

Here are some pointers that MAY help protect you!

NEVER leave coins unattended in a car, not even for one minute.

Don't drive through lonely areas.

Don't always go to your bank via the same route, or at the same time. Vary both.

Beware of your home or office when returning late at night with coins. Robbers may be waiting there for you to arrive.

The best place for your collection of valuable coins is in a safe deposit box.

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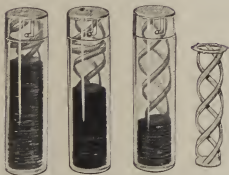
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—Mrs. S. T. T., New Hampshire

Answer:

The first coin is a Polish 50-groszy coin. This could be made either of nickel or zinc. If zinc it would be greyish in color. If nickel it would look like silver. Its value is only 5 cents.

The second coin is Polish 2-groszy, bronze, value 5 cents.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would appreciate your help in identifying the following items (rubbings enclosed):

1. Looks like brass center-piece surrounded by silver-like metal; center-piece obverse, crowned head and bust "Victoria Regina;" reverse, Coat-of-Arms; silver obverse standing Britannia (?) and man with club, initials A & M; reverse, crown, wreath, "the new model crown."

2. Looks like silver center-piece surrounded by copper; center-piece obverse, female head "Victoria Reg.;" reverse 1, copper, same both sides "one penny." Model.

3. Similar to above. May be zinc surrounded by copper; center obverse, female head, "V. R." copper, half penny. Model.

4. Bronze? Obverse similar to 1. "Queen Victoria;" reverse, model half farthing 1848.

5. Brass or bronze? Obverse female head similar to 2 and 3. "Victoria Reg.;" reverse, model penny D 1848.

Thank you very much for any assistance you can offer.

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Answer:

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Question:

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—C. F., N. Y.

Question:

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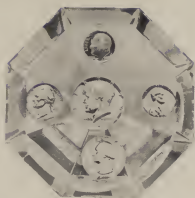
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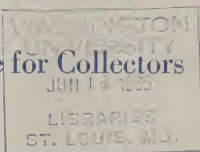
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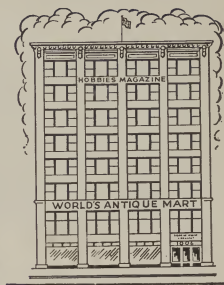
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UNCLE SAM BANK

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The action of the greater number of mechanical banks is set in motion by either of two methods. One, used on the majority of the banks, is by means of a lever or some part that acts as a lever; and the second is the use of a coin which sets off the action, either by its insertion or weight. There are some exceptions to these two methods. For example, a select group of the mechanicals are operated by means of turning a crank. These are the Merry-Go-Round (HOBBIES, December, 1951), Mikado Bank (HOBBIES, February, 1952), Circus Bank (HOBBIES, October, 1952), American Bank (HOBBIES, July, 1955), Woodpecker (HOBBIES, April, 1957), Little Jocko (HOBBIES, April, 1960), and the four different Organ Banks. Two banks, the Presto Savings Bank (HOBBIES, March, 1960) and Bank of Education & Economy (HOBBIES, August, 1962) are motivated by revolving a knob. Then there is the Shoot The Chute (HOBBIES, January, 1952) where the boat when placed on top of the chute slides down and knocks the coin in the bank, and the Wireless Bank whose action is triggered by sound vibrations.

As to the action itself, the majority of mechanical banks operate on either of two basic principles. First, there are those always ready for operation having moving parts all of which return automatically to their respective positions after the action. Second are those having some part or parts which must be moved into certain positions before they can be operated properly. Some mechanical banks combine both basic principles of action, and a good example is the Darktown Battery (HOBBIES, June, 1965). The right arm of the pitcher must be set in position each time the bank is operated. All other parts return automatically to their respective positions after operating the bank. There is a fine group of mechanical banks that have clockwork or windup type mechanisms. These include the Freedman's Bank (HOBBIES, October, 1951), Girl Skipping Rope (HOBBIES, April, 1952), Motor Bank (HOBBIES, December, 1952), Professor Pug Frog's Great Bicycle Feet (HOBBIES, January, 1953), Bull Dog Savings Bank (HOBBIES, May, 1954), Ding Dong Bell (HOB-



BIES, October, 1954), Organ Grinder & Performing Bear (HOBBIES, February, 1958), and Weeden's Plantation Ducky Savings Bank (HOBBIES, Aug. '63). This group of banks must be wound, of course, before they will operate, however, they are all set in motion by use of a lever or coin. Some have timed mechanism (certain length of time of action per coin), and others operate until they run down, but in either case the figures involved are always ready for action after each respective bank is wound. There are no figures involved on the Motor Bank as the bank is an operating unit in itself.

Only four mechanical banks have a degree of sustained action by means of a counter-balanced part which moves of its own accord after the operating lever, in each case, is released. The Uncle Sam Bank, our choice as No. 131 in the numerical classification, is one of these banks. The others are Jonah & The Whale (HOBBIES, February, 1964), Stump Speaker, and the Speaking Dog Bank. The parts in each case are - Uncle Sam's lower jaw and beard, lower jaw of the Whale, lower jaw

and chin of the Stump Speaker, and the tail of the Speaking Dog. The Uncle Sam Bank, as well as the other three, were made by the same concern, The Shepard Hardware Company of Buffalo, N.Y. Uncle Sam was covered by a design patent dated June 8, 1886 and a regular patent November 16, 1886, both of which were issued to Charles G. Shepard and Peter Adams, assignor to Walter J. Shepard, all of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Uncle Sam shown is one of the finest specimens of this bank ever seen by the writer. It is completely original with excellent paint. This is quite unusual as the paint on most surviving specimens is usually rather badly chipped, peeled, flaked, or worn. For one reason or another, the paint simply didn't stay on most of the Uncle Sam Banks too well. The paint work itself, however, was exceptionally well done with fine facial detail and other parts in bright appropriate colors. These are as follows: Uncle Sam wears a fine grey hat with a wide blue band, having silver stars thereon. His face and hands are a pink flesh color, and the facial detail is exceptional as to the eyes, eyebrows, red mouth, and so on. His long hair and beard are a light grey. His shirt cuffs and collar are white and the flowing tie is white with red stripes. The swallow-tailed coat he wears is dark blue and the lapels are lined with red. His vest is light blue with a number of silver stars on same. The long trousers are white with red stripes and he wears black boots. A green umbrella, in his left hand, with tan handle, gold strap, and black top and bottom, complete his outfit. The large carpet-type bag is brown with the initials "U.S." in gold. The handles and binding are black with a gold line. The rectangular shape box which Uncle Sam stands upon has a grey top with white lines to simulate a platform made of boards. The concave underside edges of platform, the corners of the front, back and side plates, and the concave edges of the bottom plate are in green with yellow striping. The front, back and side plates are in bright red. Each side plate has the name "Bank" in gold. The large eagle on the front is gold and the name "Uncle Sam" on the blue banner held in the eagle's beak is also in gold. This completes the coloring on a bright, attractive mechanical bank.

To operate the bank, a coin is first placed in the extended right hand.



A lever to the back of the umbrella is then pressed down. The bag opens and the right arm lowers so that the coin falls into the bag where it stays temporarily. At the same time the mouth of the figure closes tilting the beard forward and upward. On releasing the lever, the arm raises to the position shown in the picture, the bag closes, and the coin drops on inside the base. Uncle Sam's beard, being counter-balanced, then swings up and down, and his mouth opens and closes for some time as though he were talking. The action is clever and quite realistic. Coins are removed by means of a key lock coin trap in the back plate.

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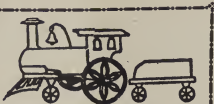
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Because of certain commitments, Mrs. Kaler finds it necessary to discontinue her monthly articles in HOBBIES. It is hoped, however, that material from her metal art research will be appearing in this department from time to time.

COIN QUIZ

By CHARLES FRENCH

25c PER LETTER for answering coin questions. Send pencil rubbings. Do not send us the coins.

Question:

Will you please advise if the following United States Gold Certificate is worth any more than face value?

The United States of America \$20 gold certificate circulated, but in very good condition. B Series of 1928, A3383988A, B 121. Picture of Jackson, Washington, D. C., Series of 1928, N. O. Woods, Treas. of the U.S.A. A. W. Mellon, Sec. of the Treas. reverse side picture of the White House 113. U.S. coins 1913D Liberty Head half dollar, circulated, fair. 1892 Liberty Head 25c piece, circ., fairly good. 1853 Seated Liberty 25c piece. Rays and arrows, circ., good. U.S. nickels. 1891 Liberty Head 5c piece, circ. and weather worn. 1897 Liberty Head 5c piece, circ. and worn. 1912 Liberty Head 5c piece, circ. and worn. Canadian 1950 five cents, very good. Georgius VI Dei Gratia Rex, fair: also will you please advise where I can buy an uncirculated 1960 Philadelphia Lincoln Head cent?

—Mrs. L. L., Illinois

Answer:

The gold certificate should be turned in to your bank for face value. 1913D half, \$1. 1892 quarter, 40c. 1853—25c, \$1, the nickels 20c each. Canadian nickel, 5c. You can buy a roll of 1960 cents from any one who deals in rolls for about 85c.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I would like all information regarding minting and present worth of the coin whose rubbings are with this letter.

—F. L. W., Wyoming

Answer:

Your coin is a 5 peseta piece of Alphonse XII of Spain. It currently retails for \$2.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I am a collector of items pertaining to the 1847 English postage stamp. I have a copper penny, the center of which has a silver head of Victoria, engraved "Victoria," and on the opposite side the letters "Reg. One Penny," and at the bottom the word "Model." Back, One Penny and also at bottom, the word "Model." Large silver "1" in center.

—Mrs. C. A. C., California

Answer:

Yours is a model of a trial Victoria penny. It is quite common, retailing for around 50c.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I would like to know the value of a silver dollar, dated 1726, fair condition; also about pieces of paper money used in 1863, called "fractional currency United States." One is 5c, size $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ", has picture of Geo. Washington in center and 5 on each side of picture. Gilt band around face $\frac{3}{8}$ ". On bottom says, "Receivable for all United States stamps, Act approved March 3, 1863." 10c size $3\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ", same date, same picture 2 printed 10 on either side of photo and 4 gold, 10 on each corner. A 25c piece, $3\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ". This has Washington picture on one side of front. Back is green like others but 25 is larger. All good condition.

—Mrs. B. W., New Hampshire

Answer:

The coin you have is an Ecu of Louis XVI of France. Its retail value is \$3.50. The Fractional Currency you have in good condition retails for around \$1 each.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I have a \$5 bill, Series 1929, "National Currency," Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Does it have numismatic value?

—C. W. Illinois

Answer:

Regret to say, the national currency note you have is of no premium value.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I have a one dollar silver certificate, Series 1935 G., Dillon, Secretary of Treasury and Smith, Treasurer. It does not have "In God We Trust" on the reverse side. Can you tell me if this has other than face value?

—Mrs. W. Y. H., Massachusetts

Answer:

A few years ago "In God We Trust" was put on the reverse side of the one dollar bill. We have many phone calls about this. There is no extra premium for those with or without the motto. Eventually all our paper money will carry the motto "In God We Trust." The first time this was used was on our two-cent piece in 1864.

—C.F., New York

Question:

Here is a pencil rubbing of what I think is a Russian coin. While at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., I saw the double headed eagle, with the same reverse, (Russian). Can you help me by giving me the name of it, and any value it might have? Am also enclosing rubbings of other coins wondering of the value and where they come from, especially the one 1 spoke of above, and the one with "Ore."

I also have a 10-cent fractional currency note, Act of March 3rd, 1863. Is this of any value?

—Mrs. K. B. T., New Hampshire

Answer:

Your coin is copper, and is Russian, but it is not rare. Those of gold or platinum in this style are rare. Yours is a 5 or 10 kopek coin in rather worn condition, retailing for around 50c. The 1797 large English penny retails for \$3. The Sicilian coin of 1798 at \$1.25. The 1812 Canadian bank token at 50c. The 1818 large cent very good at \$3. The Nova Scotia bank token at 50c. The Norwegian 1 Ore coin at 5c.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I would like to know if this coin has any value, rubbing enclosed.

—D. L., Michigan

Answer:

Your coin is a 5 lire piece of Sardinia (Carl Felix.) This coin retails for about \$3.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a 1943 penny, and would like to know if it has any value. It is not copper because a magnet attracts and holds it. Does it have value?

—C. H., Tennessee

Answer:

Your 1943 cent is worth face value only.

—C. F., New York

Question:

What is the value of an Adams & Co. Express Office, San Francisco, money order for \$100. It is drawn on their N. Y. office. This is on pale blue paper and printed only on one side. It has beautiful engraving of "panning for gold" in upper center, and another of 3 women on the left side of bill. They are on the seashore, waving to leaving or arriving people. It is dated June 5, 1853, and payable to Ralph Meacham. There is a Seal or engraving at bottom center. It has 16 stars around it, "Eureka" at top. Liberty sitting looking out over a bay. The design also includes a man with pick digging along shore and sailboats in harbor. The engraving detail is beautiful.

—D. L., Florida

Answer:

I do not know of any collector of such items and do not know of any book of values. It is historically interesting but of questionable value unless it can still be cashed!

—C. F., New York

Numismatics

Conducted by CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

I would like to find out what these coins really are (rubblings enclosed). How about coin books?

—J. H. E., Florida

Answer:

The larger coin is a Maria Theresa thaler which are still being coined and dated 1780. They were first made for use in Ethiopia. It is worth around \$.2.

The smaller coin is of Medieval French origin; the metal it is made of will determine its value. I need more information.

There is no one book or catalog covering all coins. In order to be able to look up coins you need a library. However, if you are interested in U.S. coins the Guide Book which sells for \$1.75 will do.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Recently I picked up a 1961 D Franklin half dollar which appears to have a mint error, or is it a counterfeit? On one edge there is a split about an inch long which divides the coin approximately in half. It appears as if two pieces were glued together to make one coin. However, this is not a seam. The split does not seem to go around the coin. Some say it is a counterfeit because when dropped it has a "lead-like dull thud" instead of the characteristic ring of a good coin.

I took it to the bank where an official looked at it. He told me that it was real and that the split was possibly a flaw in the blank prior to striking.

With the brief description I have given you do you know whether I have a counterfeit or a mint error? Are there counterfeit halves being passed? If the coin is real, does it have any value?

—C. J. Y., Texas

Answer:

Your half dollar is genuine but has a cracked planchet which occasionally happens. It is not of premium value.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me about these rubbings: The coin is made from silver or nickel. It weighs about 1/2 oz. I hope this will help as we are anxious to know all we can about it as no one has ever seen one of this type before.

—S. H., Alabama

Answer:

While records do not indicate Lincoln-Garfield medals having been made in the size illustrated, this does not mean they were not. The majority are usually the size of a dime and coined in silver. Yours is most likely silver and as such would most likely be worth somewhere between \$2 and \$5.

—C. F., New York

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To the medieval mind the griffin came to signify vigilance and strength. It formed a natural and fitting symbol atop a bell for a monastery, where vigilance and strength always dwelt.

Although the griffin was described as half eagle and half lion, artistic depictions have usually showed him more like an animal. The accompanying sketch, drawn directly from the griffin decorating an old silver St. Mark's bracket-bell, shows a griffin more lion-like than eagle. It is, in fact, much like the figure of the griffin popular in heraldry.

Returning to the world of reality, three brief examples will serve to further illustrate the role of the Bestiaries in arriving at some simple interpretation of animal-likenesses which puzzled one in the ornamenting of altar bells.

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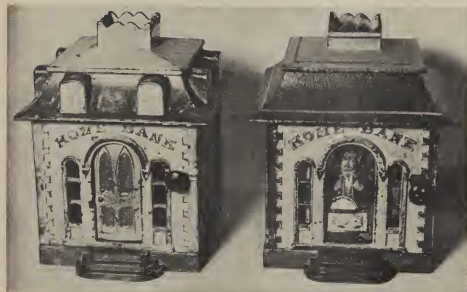
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Home Bank

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A mechanical bank having the possible unique distinction of being designed and patented by a woman is our choice as No. 133 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. The bank is the Home Bank and, as can be noted in the picture, it was made in two types, one with dormer windows shown on the left and the other without the dormer windows shown on the right. This is not really important insofar as the rarity or value of either type is concerned. One is as good as the other in the writer's opinion, and since both operate the same and are in the main alike, with the exception of the windows in the roof, they are not considered to be two different banks.

Insofar as mechanical banks go, the Home Bank is one of the very early ones. It was designed and then patented July 16, 1872 by Doras A. Stiles of Middletown, Conn. The drawings accompanying the patent papers are practically identical to the bank shown on the left in the picture. That is to say, in addition to everything else, the drawings show the bank with the dormer windows. J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. manufactured the bank.

There is a known circumstance where a woman designed mechanical banks. M. Elizabeth Cook designed, but held no patents, on four mechanical banks made by the Kilgore Manufacturing Company of Westerville, Ohio. She was an artist and sculptress and made the models of the Frog On Rock, Rabbit In Cabbage, Owl (Slot

In Head), Owl (Slot In Book), and the Turtle Bank (HOBBIES, November, 1955). Please note that she designed four banks, but that there are actually five since the Owl was made in two types. These are considered as two different banks. Their operating mechanism is not alike and the coin slot location in each is not the same. True this is a border-line case, but it is not of great importance either way one wishes to look at it. What does have some meaning is the possibility that two women designed mechanical banks, and one of them, if we are to assume that Doras Stiles was a woman, may have patented a mechanical bank.

The Home Bank can be referred to as a sturdy mechanical bank. There is not much that can go wrong mechanism-wise and it is not easily broken. However, it is rather unusual to find one of these banks in better than good paint condition. The banks shown are painted as follows: The one on the left has a white top roof with red edging, the roof section containing the dormer windows is blue, the windows are white with red cross-lines thereon. The front, back and sides of the building are white with outlining of windows and other parts in red and blue. The name "Home Bank" is in blue. The front door is tan and brown with green striping. The figure of the cashier inside the bank has flesh color features and wears a brown coat and vest. This figure is cast iron as is the rest of the bank. The name "Cashier" which is cast under and in front of the figure is in white. Blue steps and base complete the coloring on this bank. The bank on the right has a yellow top roof with red and blue edging and striping. The section of roof with no dormer windows is red with a white stripe. The front, back and sides of the building are yellow with red and blue outlining of the windows and other parts. The name "Home Bank" is in red. The front

door is red and light blue with dark blue striping. The cashier as shown in the picture is painted similarly to the one in the other bank, but has the details of the buttons on his jacket and vest in yellow and black buttons on his shirt. The figure of the cashier in this case is made of a lead or pewter-like material. This figure is original. The rest of the bank is cast iron. The name "Cashier" is not on this bank. At one time there may have been a paper label with the name thereon similar to that used on the Hall's Excelsior Bank. Red steps and base complete the colors of the bank.

The operation of the bank is simple but effective. The one on the left shows the bank before or after the operation, and the one on the right is pictured set to go. To accomplish this, the large knob to the right of the door is pulled forward. In so doing the figure moves into the doorway replacing the door, and the knob and lever in the forward position holds all parts in place by means of a slot in the lever. A coin is then placed in the provided section in front of the cashier as shown. The knob is then lightly pushed to the right and the parts all snap back into position as shown in the bank on the left. The cashier, of course, goes inside and the coin is propelled from its holder into the bank.

The Home Bank is a typical "savings bank" type mechanical bank since it represents a bank building complete with cashier. Either type, dormer windows or not, makes a nice addition to a collection.

As of this writing it is not known as a certainty that Doras Stiles was a woman. It is hoped that subsequent research will prove this out one way or the other.

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In September, 1843, Brown presented to the Connecticut Historical Society 14 original silhouettes of elderly citizens of Hartford. These and a copy of the rare book he composed are in a case in what was once the Court Room of the State House. The silhouettes are pasted on lithographed backgrounds which may have been supplied by the Kelloggs; in any event, the same format was utilized in his book.

In addition to the likenesses of such dignitaries as Jackson, J. Q. Adams, Van Buren, John Marshall, Daniel Webster and many others, the book contains a short, but stirring biography of each subject and a sample of his handwriting. Most of the latter are copies of letters lent to Brown by the subjects. However, some are addressed to Mr. Brown himself. One of these, by Martin Van Buren is dated Kinderhook, Sept. 6, 1843. It follows:

"Dear Sir:

It affords me much satisfaction to embrace the opportunity you have presented me to enforce the very favorable opinion I entertain of your skill in profile cutting, and am with best wishes for your continued success.

Very sincerely

Yours,

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The year 1883 saw the change in design of the nickel. That year ended the Shield type and started the Liberty Head. The obverse had the head of Liberty and the reverse a wreath and a large V within it.

At that time the \$5 gold coin had a similar obverse and a small Five D. for the denomination.

A fast-buck man and peddler of sorts, was in Boston in 1883. Always looking for an easy way to make the fast buck, the similarity of the new 1883 nickel and the five dollar gold piece dawned on him.

He had a friend who was a second-hand jewelry dealer who also was in possession of a gold plating machine. These two characters were very much alike as both were interested in just how they could make that fast buck.

They invested about \$50 in the new nickels and gold plated them. With a batch of these altered coins, our fast-buck peddler started on the road. His appearance was that of a prosperous business man.

He would enter a cigar store, point to a 5-cent cigar and without a word would put down one of the phony 5 dollar gold pieces and would be given \$4.95 in change. He went into one tobacco shop after the other and by the end of a week had disposed of all his phony gold pieces.

Some merchants examined them more carefully than others but they assumed that the Government had issued a new type of half eagle. News did not travel so fast in those days and few people were interested in coins.

This first venture was so successful that the second-hand jeweller friend and our fast-buck peddler invested in 5 thousand more nickels and he went on the road working the towns and cities between Boston and New York. He got rid of a couple of thousand more before the Government agents caught him with several thousand of the gilt coins in his possession.

Hundreds of witnesses testified that they had been cheated by him and that he owed them \$4.95. When they were queried as to whether he had asked them for \$4.95 in change every answer was "No." They all agreed that he just put down the coin, pointed to what he wanted, took the

change and left. This was easy for him to prove as he was a deaf mute.

The case was dismissed as there was nothing illegal with what he had done. There was no law stating one could not gold plate coins. He had not asked for change and if the storekeepers wanted to give him \$4.95 that was OK too.

After the trial the United States Mint was authorized to change the reverse of the nickel and add the word "Cents," also there was a law passed making the defacement of a United States coin a crime.

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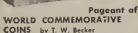
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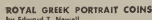
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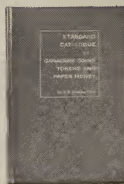
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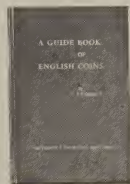
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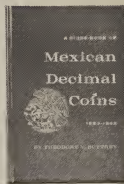
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Boys Stealing Watermelons Bank

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Mechanical banks that have to do with or represent farm scenes and country life are particular favorites among many of the collectors of the animated toy savings devices. This nostalgic subject matter is well represented by a limited number of the mechanicals, and while there are not too many, there are enough to form an interesting, desirable group. Those we have covered so far in article form are Milking Cow (HOBBIES, August 1953), Uncle Remus (Hobbies, October 1953), Pump & Bucket (Hobbies, April 1962), Hen & Chick (Hobbies, June 1962), Boy Robbing Bird's Nest (Hobbies, January 1963), Weeden Plantation Savings Bank (Hobbies, August 1963), and Bad Accident (Hobbies, May 1965). Others as yet not covered in article form are Mule Entering Barn, I Always Did 'Spise A Mule, and our choice as No. 134 in the numerical classification, the Boys Stealing Watermelons. This bank most certainly well depicts a country type scene whose action theme was not an uncommon occurrence in years gone by. Under certain tempting circumstances the compulsive thought of some nice ripe watermelon was just too much to bear for many country boys, and any degree of controlled judgment simply went down the drain. The bank accurately

represents a circumstance of this kind.

There is not too much known in any factual area as to the background of the Boys Stealing Watermelons. To the best of the writer's knowledge, the designer of the bank is not known and so far no patent papers have turned up that would apply to this particular bank. Then too old catalog information is sadly lacking. Several features plus certain characteristics of the bank are helpful, however, in forming a fairly accurate judgment as to who made it. For one thing the number 133 which appears on the back plate of the bank is significant. In the same fashion the number 136 is on the Uncle Remus Bank and number 134 on the Zoo Bank (Hobbies, November 1963). In addition, all three banks bear striking similarities in their makeup, paint, and so on. Considering all factors the Boys Stealing Watermelons was most likely made by either of two concerns, Kyser & Rex of Phila., Pa., or the Mechanical Novelty Works of New Britain, Conn. The bank was probably produced by one of these companies in the 1885 to 1895 period.

The bank shown is in the fine collection of Leon Perelman of Merion, Pa. He obtained it a few years ago from an Eastern antique dealer. It is in good original condition and painted as follows: The simulated stonework base is white with black highlighting. Above this is a slanted area to represent ground and this is dark brown. The watermelon vine and watermelons are green. Two of the watermelons, the one the boy is reaching for and the one held by the boy on the fence, have white lines there-

on. The dog house is tan with a red roof and the dog is black and silver with red mouth and nose. The boy in the prone position has a blue cap, red shirt, and yellow knee britches or knickers. The boy climbing the white fence has a yellow cap, blue shirt, and red knee britches or knickers. The green tree over the dog house is highlighted with yellow and red. A gold operating lever, located on the back of the dog house, completes the coloring of the bank.

To operate the bank a coin is first inserted in the provided slot in the roof of the dog house where it is held in place about halfway into the slot. The operating lever is then depressed. This causes the boy in the prone position to move his right arm down toward the watermelon. At the same time the dog moves out of the dog house toward the boy and the coin is automatically deposited in the bank. On releasing the lever the moving parts return to their normal positions ready for another coin.

The Boys Stealing Watermelons, in addition to being a member of the group of country life type banks, is also representative of another small select group of object lesson banks. Some banks in this group taught a child what to do, but others, such as the Boy Robbing Bird's Nest and Uncle Remus, are constructive in demonstrating what not to do. As example, the tree branch falls with the boy thereon when he is in the act of stealing the bird eggs. The Boys Stealing Watermelons has the same type what not to do object lesson, with the watch dog getting after the boys when in the act of stealing the watermelons. It's a nice interesting bank and makes an attractive addition to a collection of the animated toy savings devices.

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1813 I've Got the Mumps
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A1105 I Want to be a Janitor's Child (master 19658, recorded Nov. 11, 1911)
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What with the present shortage of silver and demand for coins for business needs Congress is trying to find a solution to the monetary problems. This causes a great many bills to be introduced in an endeavor to correct the situation.

For some reason unknown to me some of our government leaders have decided the 8,000,000 odd coin collectors are the cause of the shortages. There is also talk of hoarders. All this has caused a series of bills to be introduced many of which may help the problem somewhat, but not entirely.

President Johnson's change in the metallic content of our coins will alleviate the silver shortage.

If we reopen the San Francisco mint, and perhaps add another mint to those already in operation, we should be able to produce sufficient coins to meet the needs of the thousands of vending machines, thruway tolls, sales taxes, and the like, that are constantly requiring more millions of dollars in small change.

With such an influx of Congressional bills, there are bound to be some that are dangerous to coin collecting. One of these is Senator Bible's bill, originally S2012, reintroduced as S2036. The United Coin Collectors Alliance, called the UCCA, was organized to oppose this bill and has sent out a message to the effect: "Defend Your Hobby."

There is a bill in the Senate, introduced by Senator Bible, collectors are warned, which sentences your hobby to ruin.

This bill S2012, reintroduced as S2036, would make it illegal for you to collect, or even to have in your possession any coin collection, except of rare coins. "Rare" coins would be defined as such by the Government.

A collector, we understand, could be fined \$10,000 or go to jail if he bought, sold, or traded coins, except at their original face value. Your collection, excepting rare coins, if listed by the government would be worth only face value of the coins.

This bill, we believe, also would make it illegal to mail any coin collections outside the United States. In retaliation, other countries, we think, would prohibit export of their coins. This would end international numismatic exchange.

This bill assumes, it seems, that

coin shortages are caused by people like you, Collectors. We believe there are many causes for coin shortages, such as, pay phones, vending machines, sales taxes, etc.

Write your Congressman and Senators and give them, in your own words, your feeling about this serious problem of coin collecting. Act for the survival of your hobby!

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The principal thing is that you act now, write your senators and congressmen. Every serious-minded coin collector should do this, for this bill, I believe, could deprive you of your rights as a citizen, and you won't be allowed, it seems, to keep coins anymore, excepting what some officials say you can. These officials may not have knowledge of Numismatics to go by in their decisions.

The government has stopped issuing proof sets, a most popular item among collectors. The government has frozen the date on coins to 1964. The next step suggested is that mintmarks be eliminated. All these things are aimed at hoarders, no doubt, but they hurt coin collectors.

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		1932-33	2.00	1931-32	1.00	1921-0	31-D	1893-0	2.00			
		1933-34	2.00	1932-33	1.00	1921-0	31-D	1893-0	2.00			
		1934-35	2.00	1933-34	1.00	1921-0	31-D	1893-0	2.00			
		1935-36	2.00	1934-35	1.00	1921-0	31-D	1893-0	2.00			
		1936-37	2.00	1935-36	1.00	1921-0	31-D	1893-0	2.00			
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I would like to know the coin or coins (just a few more popular ones if the list should be long), also their approximate value, and if they are available at most large coin dealers such as advertisers in HOBBIES Magazine.

If there is any book that deals with the subject I would like to have its name and author, so that I might order it. I might add that Dental Student's Magazine published an article on this in about 1954, regrettably I do not have same. Thank you very much. I shall be waiting to hear from you.

—Mrs. R. R. P., Florida

Answer:

Your mythological story is very interesting. I had not heard it before. I do not have too much information on Obols. One reference book states that there were 6 Obols to a Drachm and therefore it would be a very small silver coin, perhaps just large enough to fill a tooth, and not very valuable. I have no other information. We do not have any in stock. You might try to buy one from some other dealer who advertises ancient coins.

—C. F., N. Y.

STAMPS AROUND THE WORLD

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ature, the accessories, which help to increase the joys of collecting.

Occasionally inexperienced collectors may utter the statement that philately would be a better hobby if commercialism could be eliminated from it. Most collectors, however, enjoy the pursuit of the rare stamps which can turn a profit or become an investment for the future.

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—C. F., N. Y.

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I want your help again to identify a token. This is the best rubbing I can get. The coin is in fine condition but the uprights of the frame stand out high on the token. The figure of a man looks like he is hanging by a

rope in the rubbing, but he really is sitting on a support. No date. Copper or bronze. The lettering, "Barnesley Payable At Jackson and Listers Warehouse." The figure is holding a sheet of cloth or some other material up to a frame that looks like part of a loom.

Can you tell me what it is? Can you give some idea as to the value of it? Also where was it issued? It is the same thickness as 2 new Lincoln cents. It is grooved like a pulley.

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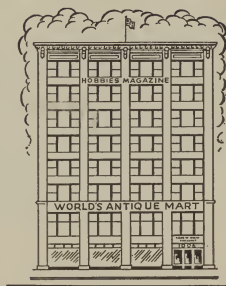
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—Mrs. W. M., California

Answer:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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—C. M. T., New York

Answer:

y22 and y31 can only be told apart by the flower.

The large sized pencil rubbing is of y13. The smaller coin is most likely of low grade silver (or brass) and is of the ruler prior to Abdul Mejid 1839-1861. Accession date AH1255. This coin is the type popularly used

as spangles, etc. on Gypsy clothes. They are quite common, retailing for 5 cent. Denomination is probably either ½ piastre or 1 para.

—C. F., New York

Question:

See pencil rubbing. Will you tell me what the coin is and what value it has? I did not get a very good copy made of it, but the coin is in good condition. So I will tell you what it reads. On the front it reads, Georgius D:G:Mag. Bri: Fra. Et. Hib. Rex. On the back of the coin it reads, Rosa Americana. 1722 Utile, Dulci.

Then will you please tell me what kind of a coin the small one is? It has a large N in the center with a crown above the N and the Roman Numeral II below the N. On the back it reads, 1 penni. 1909. I also have a German penny of 1881. I will be glad to know about these coins.

—M. J., Iowa

Answer:

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Type Set of Obsolete U.S. Coins
Current Coins of Canada
United States Mint Set
Current Coins of the Philippines
Current Coins of Mexico
1960 Large and Small Date Cents
1943 Steel Cents
Current Coins of Australia
Current Coins of Hong Kong
Current Coins of Great Britain
Current Coins of Panama
Current Coins of Ireland
Current Coins of New Zealand

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Question:

Enclosed are two pencil rubbings of the same coin. I hope you can tell me what it is and the value.

E. J. C., Pennsylvania

Answer:

Your pencil rubbings are of an ancient Jewish shekel. If it is genuine (which I cannot tell without inspection) it would be quite scarce and worth perhaps around \$20, but there are a great many fakes that are almost identical in design.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I enclose 3 pencil rubbings of coins I would like some information on. The first says: 2 K.B. and a wreath encircles these letters. On the other side it says: Magyar Kiralyi-valtozeng. The date is below a crown. It is dated 1898.

The second coin on the obv. says: Avst. Imperator Franciscus I.D.G. A wreath is around the head and a A is below the head. On the reverse there is a large bird with 2 heads. Around this it says: DLo.Sal.Wirc. 1808 Hvn.Boh.Gal.Rex.A.A. The date is 1808.

The third coin says on the obverse: Libertas Americana. The head has flowing hair with a pole in back of the head. Below the head it says: 4.Jul. 1776. On the reverse it says: Make Your Grocer Get Dobins Electric Soap the best of all I.L. Cragin & Co. Phila., Pa.

A. K., North Dakota

Answer:

The first coin is a Hungarian 2 pengo coin valued at 5 cents.

The second, an Hungarian 20 heller coin value 25 cents.

The third is a pewter merchants token of which there are many varieties. It probably is worth around \$1.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed is a rubbing of a Medal. The obverse reads: "Jubelfeier der stadt zerbst 1907." It appears to be a commemorative as the numbers 1007 and 1307 appear also. There is also a shield along side of the wording in form of a castle with 4 towers and an entrance flanked by two smaller shields. One shield on the right has a bear, the shield on the left a half eagle and the design which I have a rubbing of. On the reverse buildings with towers, a statue on the left, and what appears to be a street scene with street lamps and people.

Would you please identify this Medal. It appears to be bronze, very large and heavy.

—S. T. T., New Hampshire

Answer:

This is a commemorative bronze medal of the City of Zerbst, Germany, 600th anniversary with street scene of the city in 1307 A.D. This type of medal usually retails for what one can get. I would say \$2.50 would be a fair price.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have in my possession a \$2 bill upon which appear approximately 33 names.

I also have another \$2 bill upon which appear approximately 22 names.

One bill is of Series 1928-D, Serial No. J-274; the other is of the same Series, Serial D 282. Both are signed by W. A. Julian, Treasurer of the United States and Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the U.S.

I keep thinking that one of these bills is signed by the boys that bombed Hiroshima. Seems I read something about this during the II World War. Am I right?

—C. F. O., Washington

Answer:

It was the fad during World War II for our boys to have as many people as possible sign paper money. In fact, some of these "Short Snorter" as they were called, used to be a series of notes glued together from all parts of the world and signed by people. As to whether your particular bills of which there are many, were signed by those who bombed Hiroshima I could not say for I do not know the names of the bombing crew. This probably could be found out through Federal information sources.

—C. F., New York

BANK METHODS OF 100 YEARS AGO

Unpublished letter of Nicholas Biddle on the United States Bank.

By CYRIL CLEMENS

This extremely interesting letter which throws much light upon the bank methods of more than 100 years ago was written shortly after the election of General Andrew Jackson to the Presidency, to General Samuel Smith (1752-1839) the distinguished Revolutionary soldier who was at the date of the letter United States Senator from Maryland.

The writer, Nicholas Biddle (1786-1844), the famous American financier, was president of the Bank of the United States.

Philadelphia
December 29, 1828.

Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure this morning of receiving your letter of the 27th inst. I hasten to reply to the questions contained in it.

That the bank of England makes no allowance to the government for the public deposits is one of those facts which all who are familiar with that institution know perfectly well; that the Bank receives more than a million of dollars annually for paying the dividends on the national debt and that it has been contended that the Bank ought not to charge so much because they enjoy gratuitously the benefit of the public deposits; that it is remarkable that the Bank receives a percentage on the amount of public debt held

Question:

Would you help me place the following coins and their worth? A small coin, slightly larger than a dime, with the words "Chambres De Commerce De France" around one edge, and Bon Pour 50 centimes in the center. On the other side a seated male figure holding what seems to be a lyre, or some type of musical instrument and in the other hand the caduceus and the words "commerce industrie." The coin is dated 1925, and is in almost uncirculated condition. The color is brass-like. I have two coins - Twenty Centavos Filipinas - standing female figure facing left holding hammer or anvil with active volcano in rear. The other side says "United States of America," with eagle, shield and ribbon. The dates are 1944D and 1945D both in extra fine condition. A 12 sided three pence, 1943, and a 1943 10 cents, Hong Kong (George VI) with a strange rim around edge giving the appearance of two coins struck together.

—Mrs. R. E. W., Tennessee

Answer:

The first coin described is a French token used after World War I. The second a Philippine 20-cent piece, the third a 3 pence coin of England. Worth, respectively, 5c, 25c, 10c, retail selling prices.

—C. F., N. Y.

by the Bank itself and paid, therefore, to itself; that, when complaints were made of the sums received by the Bank, it was answered that the complainants did not consider the great hazards incurred by the Bank which lost on a single occasion, because of forgeries of powers of attorney to transfer stock, no less than 2,000,000 pounds; that precisely the same risks are incurred by the Bank of the United States; that two years ago an officer took more than \$20,000 of the pension fund while the Bank had to refund; that the year it had to pay \$3000 to a stockholder resident abroad, the money having been paid on an informal power of attorney to a party. New York who failed; that there now a claim for \$5000 more alleged to be paid in the same way to the same party; that all of this responsibility is assumed by the Bank that the moment any government funds are placed in its keeping, the remotest part of the country no fraud on the part of agents; casualty of any kind can relieve the Bank from its obligation to transfer those funds without charge to any and every quarter of the Union; that the difference between the Bank of England and the Bank of the United States is that the Bank of England receives the public revenue chiefly in one place and disperses it chiefly in that place while the Bank of the United States receives it in a multitude of dispersed and distant points and transfers it to numerous other points that for its services the Bank

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COINS WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: Old tokens, medals, badges, buttons. — Earl Romey, Box 91, Bluffton, Indiana. jcl2698

WANTED TO BUY: U.S. coins, gold and obsolete currency. — A. S. Alexander, Box 1893, Charleston, W. Va. my128801

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1793	130.00	1911-S	7.50	1913, 14, 15	.50	1903-S, 04-S	.25	1897-1898	3.00
1794-1797	30.00	1912-S	3.50	1915-S	1.25	1913-S	3.00	1898-1899	2.00
Others	4.50	1913-D, 23-S	.50	1915-S	3.00	Other Lib.	15	92-O&S, 98-S	19.00
		1915-S	2.50	1914-D	4.00	1921-S	1.00	1893-O	2.50
Large Cents		1915-S, 15-D		1915-S & S		1920-S, 31-D		1904-S, 90-O	
1793	100.00	1915-S, 24-S	2.00	1915-S	1.50	1920-S, 31-D	2.50	1904-S, 90-O	7.50
1794-96	15.00	1922-D	2.00	1921-S	6.00	1931-S	1.25	1897-O&S	10.00
1797, 1798	5.00	1923-S	3.00	1924-S	3.00	42 over 41	42.50	1897-O&S	18.00
1799	175.00	1926-D	3.00	1925-D	3.00	1926-D, 31-S	1.00	1901-S, 04-S	3.00
1800-03	4.00	1931-D	2.00	1931-S	3.00	1931-S	3.00	20	1913, 14, 15
1804	75.00	1931-S	25.00	1931-S	3.00	1945-S	3.00	21	1911, 21-D, 15
1908-07	4.50	1932, 1933	.30	Mint Marks	.07	1955-D&S	.20	22	1921-S
1909	2.50	1932-D, 39-D	.30			1955	.50	23	1938-D
1910	20.00	1932-S, 38-S	.30	Jefferson 5c				24	1948, 1953
1910-14	4.00	Aver. Set	215.00	1938-D, 39-S	1.50	Twenty Cents		25	1955
1911	6.00	3c each	1.00	1939-D	6.00	Each	12.50		
1912	6.00	3c 1854-62	1.00	1949-S, 50	12.00				
1913	10.00	3c 1851-53	1.25	1950-D	15.00	Quarters			
1914	1.25	3c 1854-70	1.25	1951-S, 1855	.30	1796	400.00	Dollars	
		3c 1873, 61	1.00			1804-07	27.50	1795	90.00
		3c NI, Other 1.25	1.25			1815-1828	10.00	1796-97	50.00
Small Cents		Half Dimes		Dimes		1831-37	4.00	1798-03	49.00
1857	2.00	1794, 1795	65.00	1796, 1797	15.00	1838-1891	2.00	1800-03	3.50
1858	2.25	1859, 1860	2.00	1800-1828	3.00	1861-S, 13-S	50.00	1804-S	2.00
1859	4.00	1820-1837	7.00	1829-1837	1.50	1861-S	125.00	1821	2.00
1860	1.00	Others	1.30	37 no stars	17.50	Lib. Mint Marks		1822, 1827	2.00
1861	1.00			1838-1891	1.00	Before 1906	.65	1823, 93-S	20.00
1862	1.00			1892-O, 93	7.50	Other Lib.	.50	1834	3.00
1863	1.00			1892-O, 98-O	25	Lib. Set	.50	1834-S, 35	2.00
1864	1.00			1893-O&S	15.00	1916	150.00	Other	1.10
1865	1.00			1894-O	1.75	1917	1.50	Canada	
1866	1.00			1895	10.00	1918-D, 19-S	10.00	1856-1901	.30
1867	1.00			1896	25.00	1921-D	11.50	1892-1910	.25
1868	1.00			1897-O, 01-S	11.50	1922-S	17.50	1891-1920	.15
1869	1.00			1898-O&S	1.00	1923-D&S	17.50	3c 1858-1901	.25
1870	1.00			1899-O&S	1.00	1934-D, 40-D	7.50	5c 1902-1910	.20
1871	1.00			1900-O&S	1.00	1938-S	1.50	5c 1911-1920	.10
1872	1.00			1901-O&S	1.00	1937-S, 50-S	1.50	SILVER \$1 wanted	
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1875	1.00			1904-O&S	1.00	1794	125.00	GOLD COINS,	
1876	1.00			1905-O&S	1.00	1795	80.00	MEDALS,	
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Old Mechanical Banks

Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

A simple action, rather attractive mechanical bank known as the Bear Standing (Slot In Chest) is our choice as No. 135 in the numerical classification. The original name of the bank is unknown to the best of the writer's knowledge, and it may well have been made during the popular "Teddy Bear" period which, of course, was associated with President Theodore Roosevelt. The bank that really commemorates this period is Teddy And The Bear, and this bank will be dealt with in a near future article. In any event, regardless of the original name, the present name "Bear Standing (Slot In Chest)" was chosen some years ago out of necessity in describing the bank with short accuracy in order to avoid confusion with several other mechanical banks.

Unfortunately factual background information on the Bear Standing has as yet not been established. It is pretty well accepted though that it was made by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn., since, for example, the round conventional type Stevens coin trap patented in 1875 was used on this bank. If we may digress for a moment at this point, we would like to mention a fact of some importance. Over a period of years the writer has received numerous letters with reference to various mechanical banks having been made in 1875 since this date showed on the coin trap. The patent date of February 2, 1875 only has reference to the round Stevens coin trap itself. This same trap with the same date was used on banks made by Stevens for many years on into the 1900's and as late as the early 1920's. So do not be misled by the date of 1875—it has nothing to do whatever with the period in which a mechanical bank was manufactured. As example, the Bear Standing under discussion has the 1875 round Stevens trap, but it is most unlikely that the bank is of this early period. No patent dates or markings of any kind appear on the bank and, therefore, it is not known who actually designed it. It has, however, for some years been attributed to Bailey, and this is certainly a possibility until we can prove otherwise.

Some collectors feel that the Bear Standing was made by the Kenton Hardware Co. This assumption is based on the fact that Kenton used the same type round trap on some of their still banks such as the Statue of Liberty and on their mechanical Mamma Katzenjammer (HOB-

BEAR STANDING (Slot in Chest)

By F. H. GRIFFITH



BIES, December 1958). Mamma Katzenjammer employs the use of the same type trap but the diameter is considerably larger than those normally used by Stevens. The same date "February 2, 1875," however, appears on this larger size trap, and Kenton was not making mechanical banks in that period. It is most likely that Kenton as a matter of convenience used the Stevens type trap years after the patent protection had expired.

The Bear Standing shown is a completely original specimen and in

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In the writer's opinion the Bear Standing is a somewhat underrated bank and actually is considerably rarer than most collectors realize.

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In 1862, the Civil War was not going too well for the North, and rumor spread throughout the Nation that inflation, and the consequent increase in the value of all metals, was imminent. This caused the gradual disappearance of all gold, silver, and even copper coins from circulation.

Gradually there was no longer any change available. One can imagine the trouble this caused both the purchaser and seller trying to make change.

It was natural that the first thing to be turned to was postage stamps. These flimsy pieces of paper were to be the only small change available for some time.

I can remember my Grandmother telling me how cursed they were, sticking together in her pocket-book after only a short time. They were not very successful.

In 1862, John Gault patented a novel brass encasing for these stamps, with a mica cover on one side so that the stamps were visible. Merchants' advertising was upon the other side. These encasings were made by the Scoville Manufacturing Co. of Waterbury, Conn.

While they were a practical protection of the stamp, their cost was such as to prohibit many merchants adopting this system of making small change, so the system was short-lived.

Late in 1862, enterprising companies began issuing copper coins in imitation of regular government cents. They were the same size as cents but their designs varied greatly.

The series, known as "Patriotic Tokens," had such legends as, "Union Forever," "Lincoln and Union," "Army and Navy," "Not One Cent," "The Flag—if anybody attempts to tear it down, shoot him on the spot," "The Federal Government, a national currency, free trade and Human Rights," "Live and let live," plus many other sayings.

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all over the country. It is estimated there were as many as 1500 different Patriotic Tokens, and 8500 different Tradesmen's Tokens.

The number coined were in the vicinity of 25,000,000 pieces. As the pieces did not cost more than around half a cent each, those merchants who ordered them made a neat profit.

There is no question but what these tokens filled a dire need. Many companies that had occasion to acquire quantities of them, found out that those who issued them would not redeem them, and as the tokens were not government backed they became a loss.

This drew the attention of the Federal Government and in 1864 Congress passed an act prohibiting the issue of any money, coins or otherwise, by private parties. Thus ended an evil part of our financial structure that had been permitted since the beginning of our country.

Stopping the private issues, did not help the small change shortage, however, and in July, 1862, the government began the first issue of "Postage Currency." These notes, in denominations of 5 cents, 10 cents, 25 cents and 50 cents, had pictured upon them postage stamps of such amounts.

They were followed by four additional series of "Fractional Currency" in denominations of 3 cents, 5 cents, 10 cents, 15 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents. These circulated freely until the 1870's and indicate the length of time it took to get our coins back into circulation in sufficient quantities to fulfill needs.

It is interesting to note that these emergency fractional-currency notes are still redeemable at face value by the government. Their scarcity, however, has given them a much greater numismatic value, in choice condition.

During 1866 and 1867, the government issued a large ornamental "shield" depicting the first three issues. The notes are not printed on both sides, being "Specimens" only. The shields were designed to be hung in banks to help identify the notes in circulation. They are quite rare today, in perfect condition.

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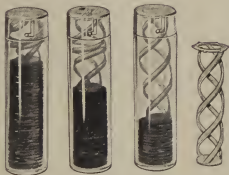
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Question:

I am enclosing four tracings. Can you identify them for me? The value of them isn't important as I just purchased them for 22 cents each for novelty at a bazaar in Turkey.

—C.M.T., New York, A.P.O.

Answer:

The one piece is a small coin of Louis XIV of France, worth around 50c. The other seems to be a British token of some kind, if bronze, worth around 10c. Strange, both sides have the same design. As to your No. 4 coin, I do not find this listed but believe it is a coin of very recent mintage from one of the native Indian states.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I have an 1850 C mint $\frac{1}{2}$ gold piece which I think is unusual in that it carries an apparently handstamped "L" on the reverse.

Please let me know what this may be.

—D.W.R., Kansas

Answer:

The 1850C \$2.50 gold piece is a scarce coin but the "L" counterstamp must be considered a mutilation which materially reduces the coin's value below what it would have been if perfect.

—C.F., New York

Question:

Here is a rubbing of an old coin or token.

There is a hole in it because when I was a baby, I wore it around my neck on a pink ribbon and cut my teeth on it.

—E. B. T., New York

Answer:

You have an Ecu of Louis XVI of France. It would be worth \$5, if not mutilated.

—C. F., New York

Question:

I have a coin, size of a penny, copper, dated 1863.

The markings read as follows: "Redeemed at my office 1863." Other side "Oliver Boutwell Miller, Troy, N.Y."

—F. W., New York

Answer:

Your "coin" size of a small cent is a Civil War Merchant's token, worth about \$1.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Reading HOBBIES tonight I decided you may be able to help me. I have a 1939D Lincoln cent that is slightly larger than a nickel. The penny is in extra fine condition. The cent is slightly thinner than a regular Lincoln cent. Have shown it to a number of dealers at shows. None have seen one like it. One said it could be "stretched." However, it seems to me it is too perfect to have been stretched. Can you volunteer an answer?

—E.A.H., Minnesota

Answer:

The dealer who called it "stretched" is most nearly correct. I have seen a few of such enlarged coins and while I do not know how it was done, pressure of some sort must have been used to spread the coin out to that size without affecting the design.

—C.F., New York

Question:

I own a U.S. coin glass compote. I know the government stopped manufacture of this Coin glass in 1892, a few months after it was begun, because actual coins were used in the molds to make the impressions.

The final is an 1892 Morgan dollar. The dimes and quarters on it are dated 1892, but are of the Seated Liberty type. That is the year the Barber Series began. How can this be?

A. L., Arizona

Answer:

Without question, those who made the compote used the World's Fair date, 1892, but the design of the coins of the 1891 Series for these "coin glass" articles were first offered during the Chicago World's Fair. They were stopped by the government at the time. Today they are quite valuable. We have a collection of these in our coming auction sale and they will be offered with estimated values ranging from \$75 to \$200 each article.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Are tokens of any value? I am enclosing a list of some I have. They are all in excellent condition.

—R.O.E., New Jersey

Answer:

Your first two pieces are Hard Times tokens currently retailing at \$2 each in very fine condition. The third piece is a California counter that formerly was used at gaming tables, of little value, say 25c. The fourth piece is a Canadian bank token valued at 25c.

The fifth and sixth pieces are Civil War tokens retailing at \$1 each.

—C.F., New York

Question:

Enclosed find pencil drawing of a half dollar I have. I would like to have any information regarding this coin that you would be able to offer.

—Mrs. H.K., Illinois

Answer:

This is not a half dollar but a medal using copied dies of the original Confederate half dollar. Its value is around \$2.50.

—C.F., New York

Question:

Enclosed you will find 3 rubbings of coins. Coins numbered 2 and 3, I have identified as bronzes from the Byzantine era, approximately 490 A.D. Are these of any value? The smaller one is in mint condition. The larger has been pierced to be worn on a cord. I say cord for it is tarnished inside the hole as well as out and the face is worn. The reverse side is in fine detail.

The one I am primarily interested in identifying is coin No. 1. It seems to change color, one time brass and the next with a pinkish cast like gold. It is quite heavy $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. It has a fine patina of brown which in itself makes it difficult to read.

Your effort in identification of this coin will be appreciated. And a value if possible.

—Mrs. D. E. T., Illinois

Answer:

The No. 2 coin is a very small bronze of Rome, late era, probably 5th century A.D., near the fall of the Roman Empire. It is not clear but could be from Romulus Augustulus 475-476 A.D., last Emperor of Western Rome. Not valuable, probably worth around \$1.

No. 3 coin, a large bronze of Rome, probably 3rd century A.D. Name of ruler I cannot read for it is where the hole is. The hole spoils its value numismatically.

No. 1. The head upon this coin is of Tyche (Zeus) and could very possibly be an Electrum (gold and silver alloy) Stater. I cannot clearly see the reverse design, but if it is, this would be quite scarce being worth between \$75 and \$100. Electrum was used in these staters, and appears to be a light yellow color and heavy.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Can you identify the coin from the rubbing? Also what value would you suggest be placed upon a Turkey B50 and C50 coins if I want to trade for one?

—C.M.T., New York

Answer:

I cannot find any record of the coin you illustrate and believe it is from one of the Communist countries behind the iron curtain, and as yet not known or listed here in the U.S.

As to Turkey C50 and B50, I think if you could trade for around \$10 for B50, \$20 on C50 it would be absolute tops.

—C.F., New York

Question:

Coin has no date. Appears to be copper, standing figure has 2 edge sword in right hand, left hand stands winged cupid (?) presenting wreath to standing figure.

—C.M.E., Indiana

Answer:

Your coin is a large bronze of Ancient Rome. As the coin is not very clear I cannot tell you what ruler it was made under. The style, however, is that of the coins struck between A.D. 40 and A.D. 200. Its value is around \$1 in its poor condition.

—C.F., New York

Question:
I have checked all the catalogs available to me, including Yeoman's and cannot find a listing on the enclosed rubbings. Can you help me?
—R. W., Illinois

Answer:
The first coin is a Nisshu Gin worth about \$2, the second is an Isshu Gin worth about \$1.50, both Japanese. The third is a common token of the Bank of Upper Canada worth about 25 cents.
—C. F., N. Y.

Question:
I have some pencil rubbings of a coin and would like to know its value. It is copper and the date is 1726. On the front are the letters OSNA-BRUCK AO STADT. Could you please tell me anything about this coin?
—Mrs. L. L. H., New York

Answer:
Your coin is from the German state of Osnabruck. It would retail for about 50 cents.
—C. F., N. Y.

Question:
Would appreciate any information you can give me on coins as per rubbings enclosed. Enjoy reading your articles in HOBBIES.
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Answer:
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after my discharge from Service in 1946.

Although amusement parks don't have the appeal they had when I was young and fancy free, I wouldn't like to see them become obsolete. Some of the most famous ones have been destroyed. I would like for my children to see Coney just once and have the same enjoyment I had.

As I look over old post cards of Coney Island, some of which are pictured here, I can't help but wonder how many of these rides are gone or have been changed by modernization. It would also be interesting to know how many millions of people have enjoyed the facilities of the park since these cards were published about 1910.

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Two night views have no identification on them at all, but by comparing them with other views we can be sure they belong.

One view shows three ladies riding on the back of an elephant. It would be interesting to know how they got on the back of Jumbo with their ankle-length skirts.

Another view shows Steeple Chase Park and the huge Ferris wheel. Still another card shows a general view with the waterfront and beach.

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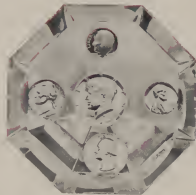
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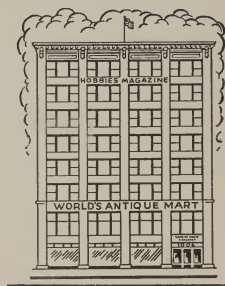
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Before the war, coin collecting was the hobby of the elite few. That group of collectors was similar to those in the United States before 1920.

There were many excellent coin collections, particularly in England, France, Germany, and Italy. War's devastation, without question, destroyed many of these. Others were found abandoned in unoccupied or destroyed homes, and subsequently were acquired by others.

I remember one story told me of a GI who went into an abandoned, partly destroyed home in Germany. He found a huge coin collection, still intact, in velvet-lined, wooden trays. He scooped up all the gold pieces in a small bag, and the large quantity of silver coins in a large bag.

As related to me, the silver ones were so heavy, he dumped the whole lot into a sewer, and kept the gold pieces only. Many of these coins, through devious ways, it seems, found their way to America. Sad commentary.

The collecting of foreign coins here has always been popular but never as much as today. With Europe's economic recovery, interest in coin collecting there has skyrocketed. This undoubtedly has affected the American coin collector to the extent that he, also, has taken a more lively interest in foreign coins.

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Pennies, half pennies, farthings that formerly could have been purchased for a couple of cents each, now range from 35 cents on up to several dollars. This "date" collecting, has not, however, become so popular in other foreign countries.

Italians were probably the first to revive their hobby, for scarce Italian gold, and dollar-sized coins, were the first to show the increased demand. There were many sleepers in this series, particularly some of the issues of coins during the Ethiopian wars under Mussolini.

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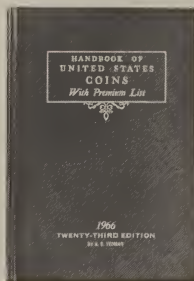
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How is one to keep copper coins safely without any damage occurring? If put in plastic holders and then in 2x2 envelopes would the plastic protect against any sulphur in the brown 2x2's? I would greatly appreciate your advice herein.

E. Mac D., New York

Answer:

Copper coins buried under the ground are subjected to a great amount of dampness and this without doubt is the cause of your corrosion spots. I have seen similar collections in which mold has formed upon holders and a strong musty odor emits. This is without doubt the worst manner to try to preserve nice coins, particularly copper or bronze ones.

Sulphur in cardboard and 2x2 envelopes will tarnish coins, particularly silver ones but will not do the damage dampness will. These specks are very difficult to remove without ruining the coin.

Choose a plastic for your coins that will not dry out or become brittle and allow your coins to become ruined. There are good plastic holders that can be used.

—C. F., New York

Question:

This is my first attempt at having a coin identified so if I have not met the rubbings correctly, just keep the change. It is worth it just to read your column. Thank you.

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—C. M., Virginia

Answer:

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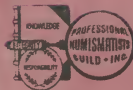
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